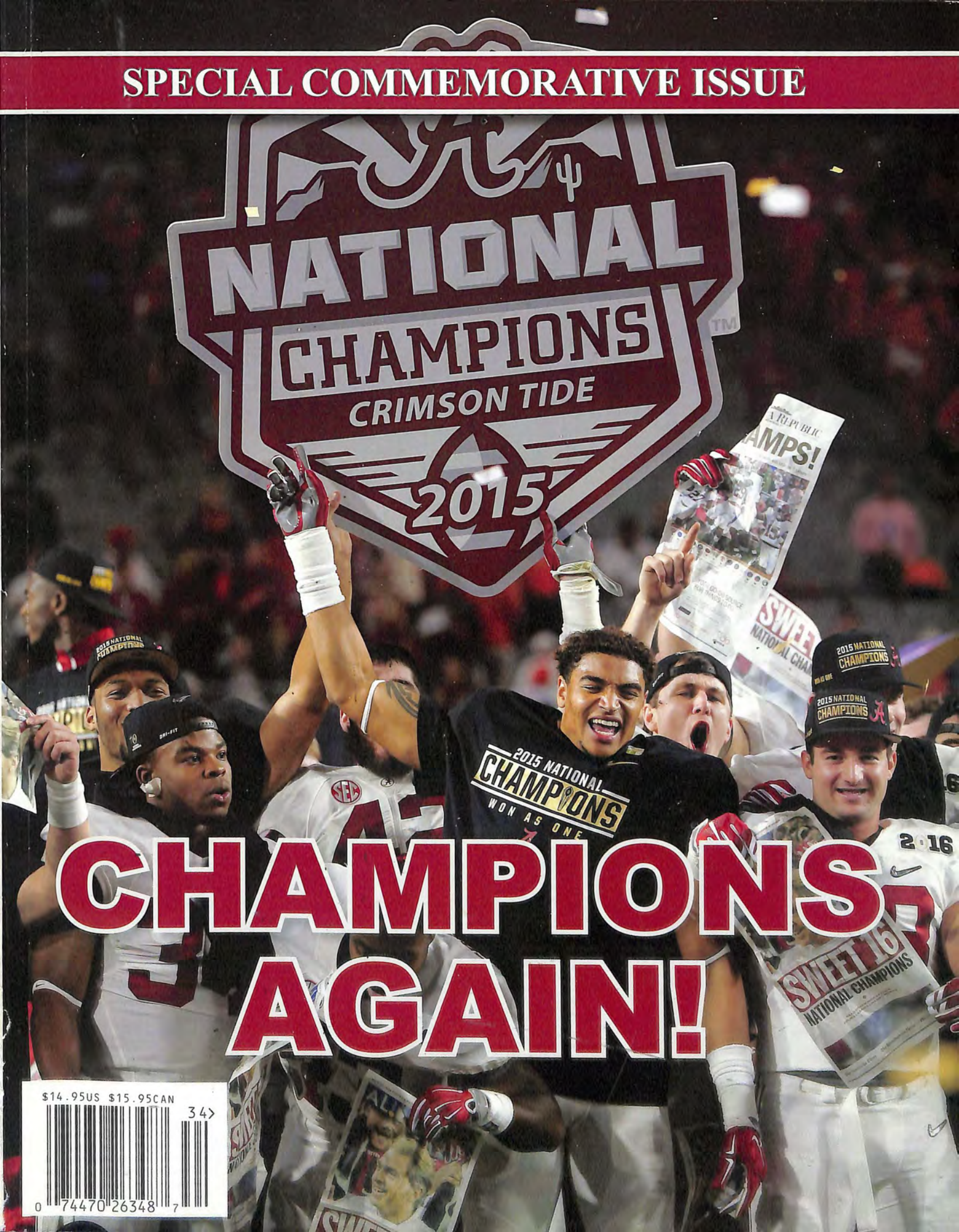
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FOREWORD

It's sure has been a privilege to have a front-row view of the dynasty that Nick Saban has created with the Alabama football program. I know that celebrating these championships never gets old for Crimson Tide fans, and its always fun to put together these commemorative issues for you. Coach Saban receives the brunt of the credit, and it's richly-deserved. He's the driving force, the visionary, and the guiding light for the program that is the envy of every team, in every sport. No team dominates like Alabama Football. It's absolutely unbelievable what has been accomplished in a relatively short period of time. What I think is the most unbelievable stat, is the fact that Nick Saban is a perfect 5-for-5 in national championship games. That's incredible. It's a testament to the preparation of the coaching staff, and the talent of the players.

Even though the Tide make it look easy to outside observers who have no idea the amount of sacrifice, hard work, and dedication it takes to be this good, for this long, let's all take a moment to honor a team, and a program, that is back where it belongs. On top of the college football world.

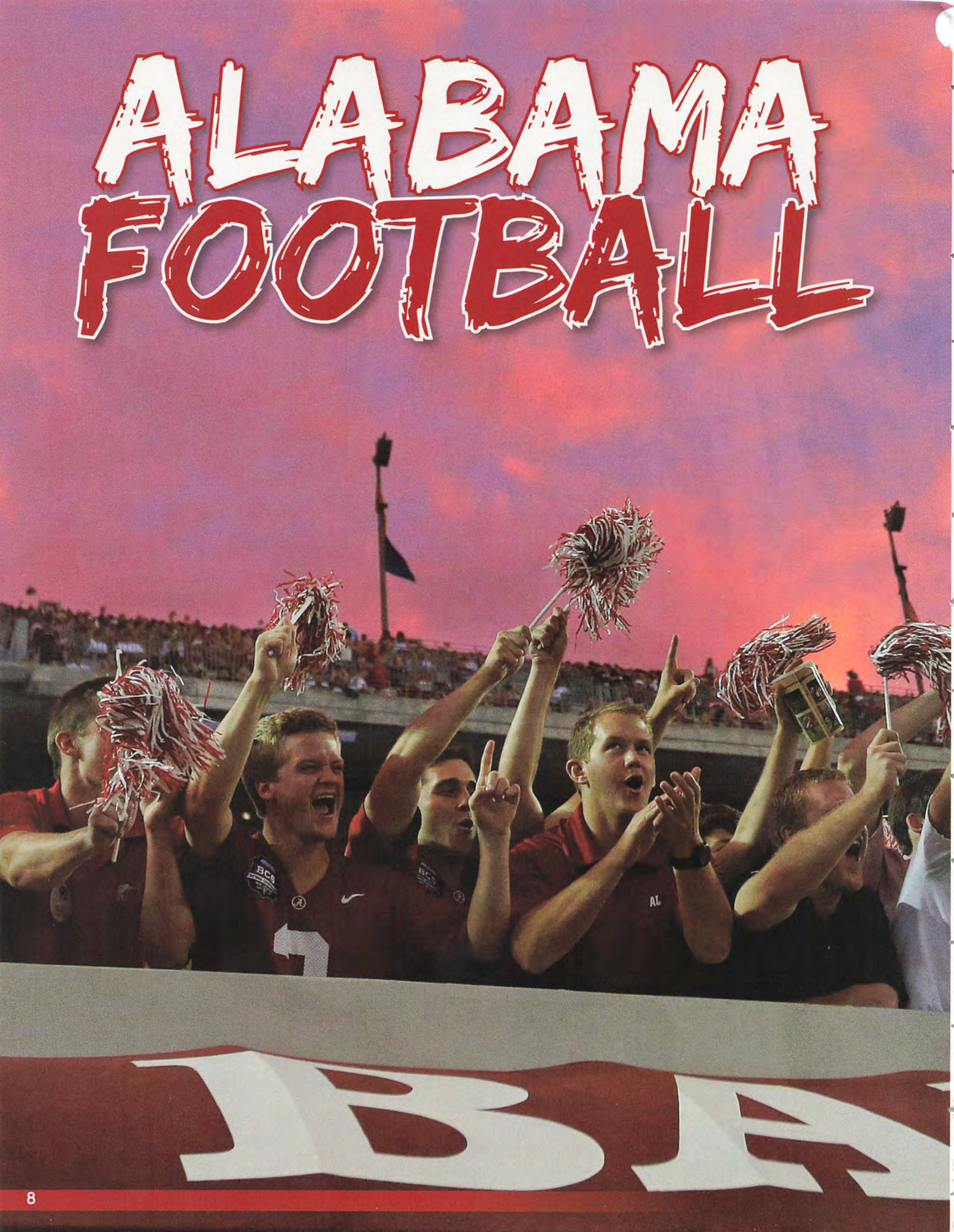
Enjoy this look back at an incredible season, and an unforgettable team, that even head coach Nick Saban considers to be the favorite of all his championship squads at Alabama.

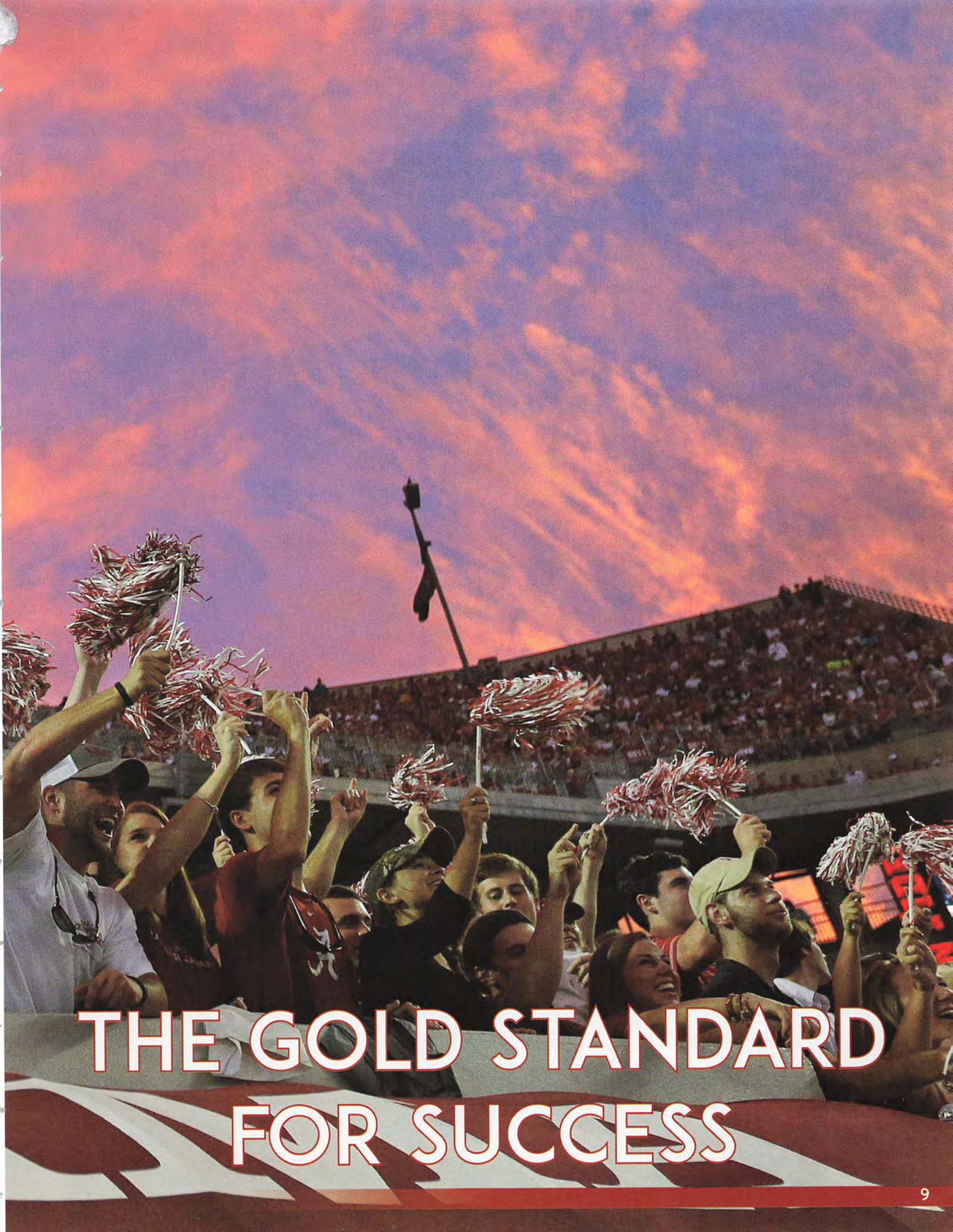
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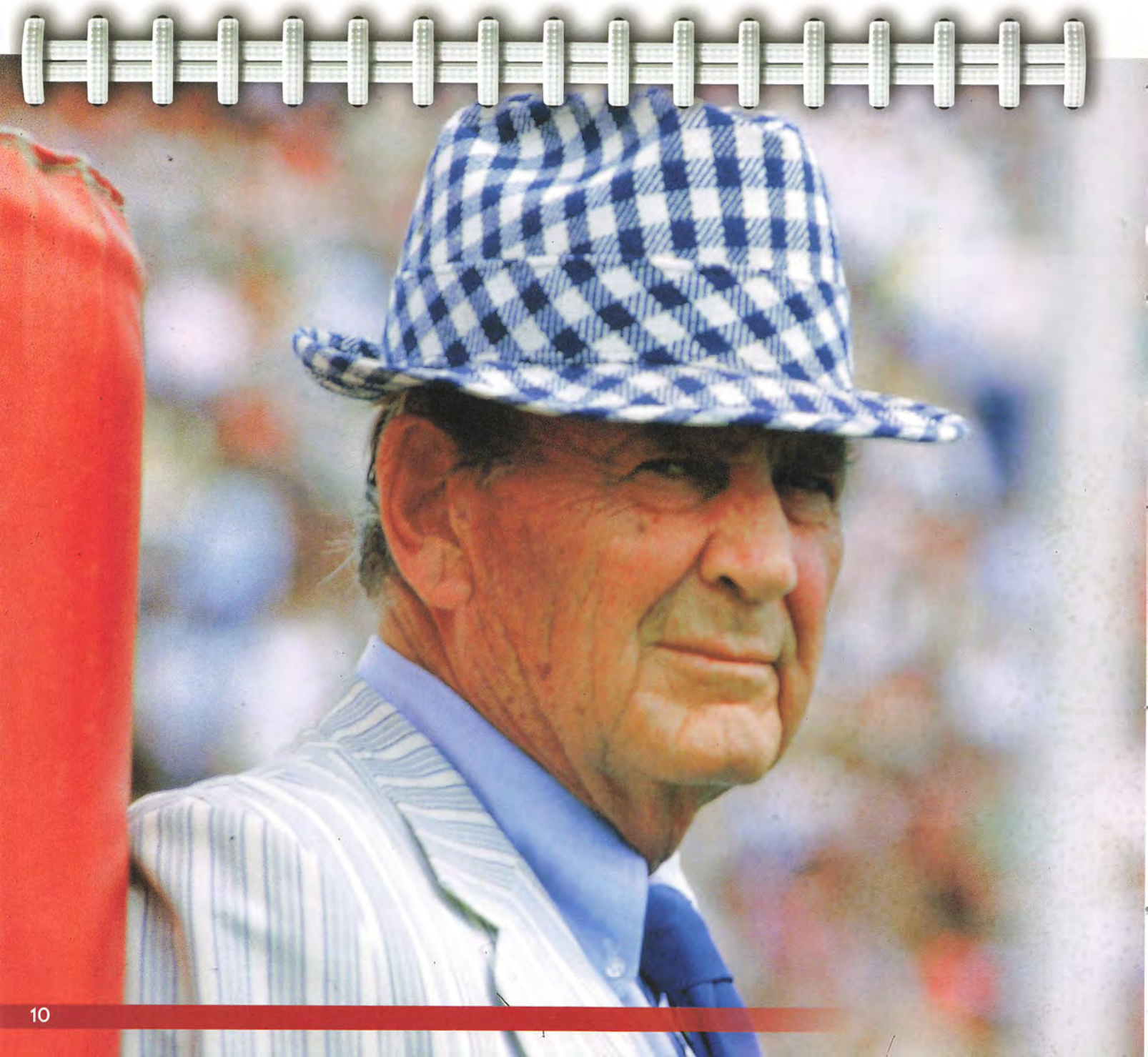
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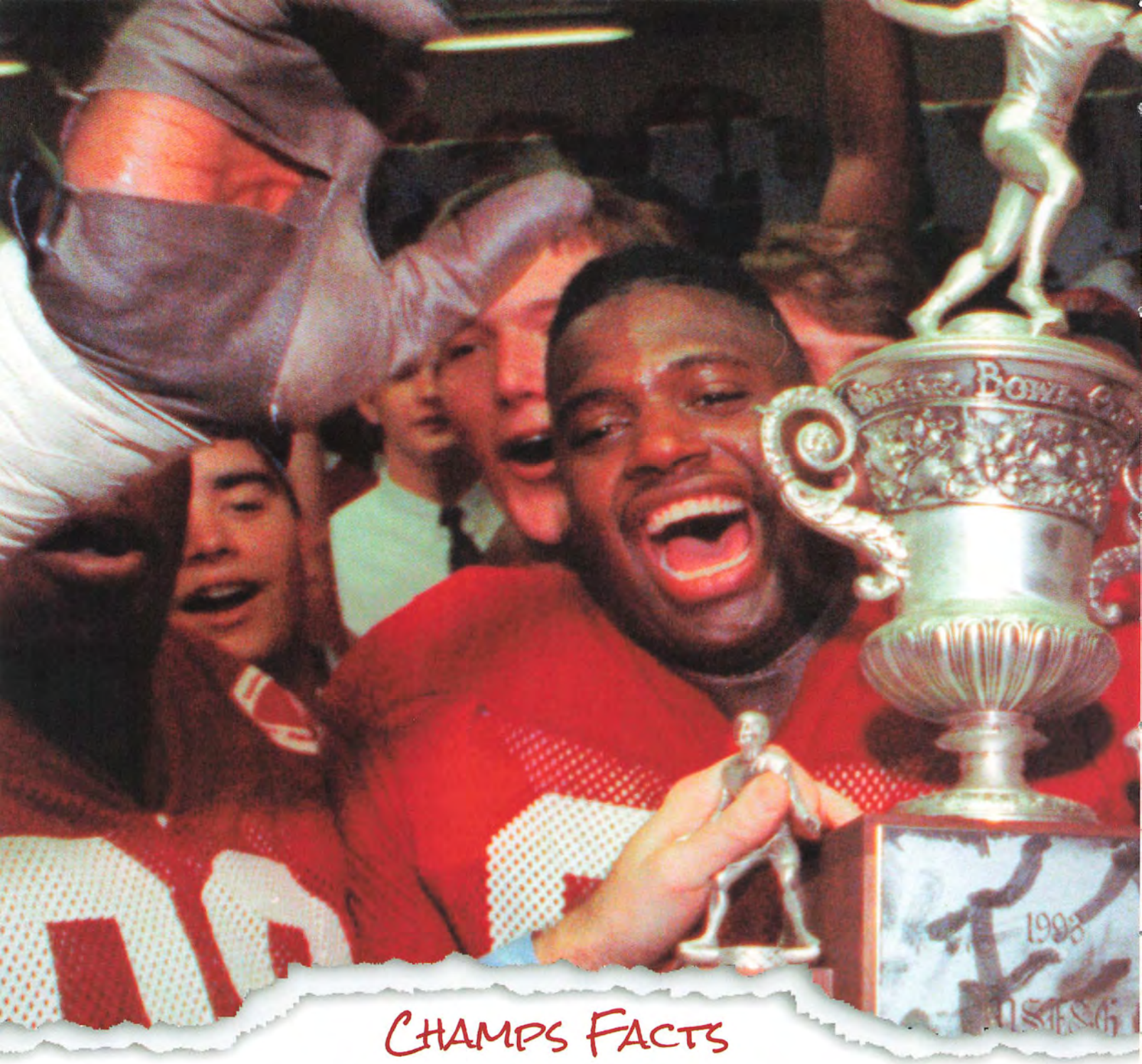


THE GOLD STANDARD FOR SUCCESS

Alabama fans, know this; the rest of the college football world is jealous of you. How could they not be? To be a fan of the Crimson Tide is to basically know that each season, heck, almost every week, you will be celebrating something. From having the finest facilities in the entire sport, an unmatched coaching staff, incredible talent up and down the roster, unparalleled game-day tradition, and the fact that you have now won 16 national championships in college football, it's easy to see why you always seem to be having so much fun. Because you are. Bryant-Denny Stadium is the Mecca of college football, filled with over 100 thousand screaming fans for the Spring Game through the Iron Bowl. Whoever the next President of the United States is, I hope they get ready to do what President Obama got used to doing throughout his Presidency; welcome a national championship Crimson Tide team to the White House. There's something special about a team with a tradition as monumental as Alabama's. Crimson Tide fans set the standard for expectations and results, and have we mentioned that the rest of the college football world is awfully jealous?




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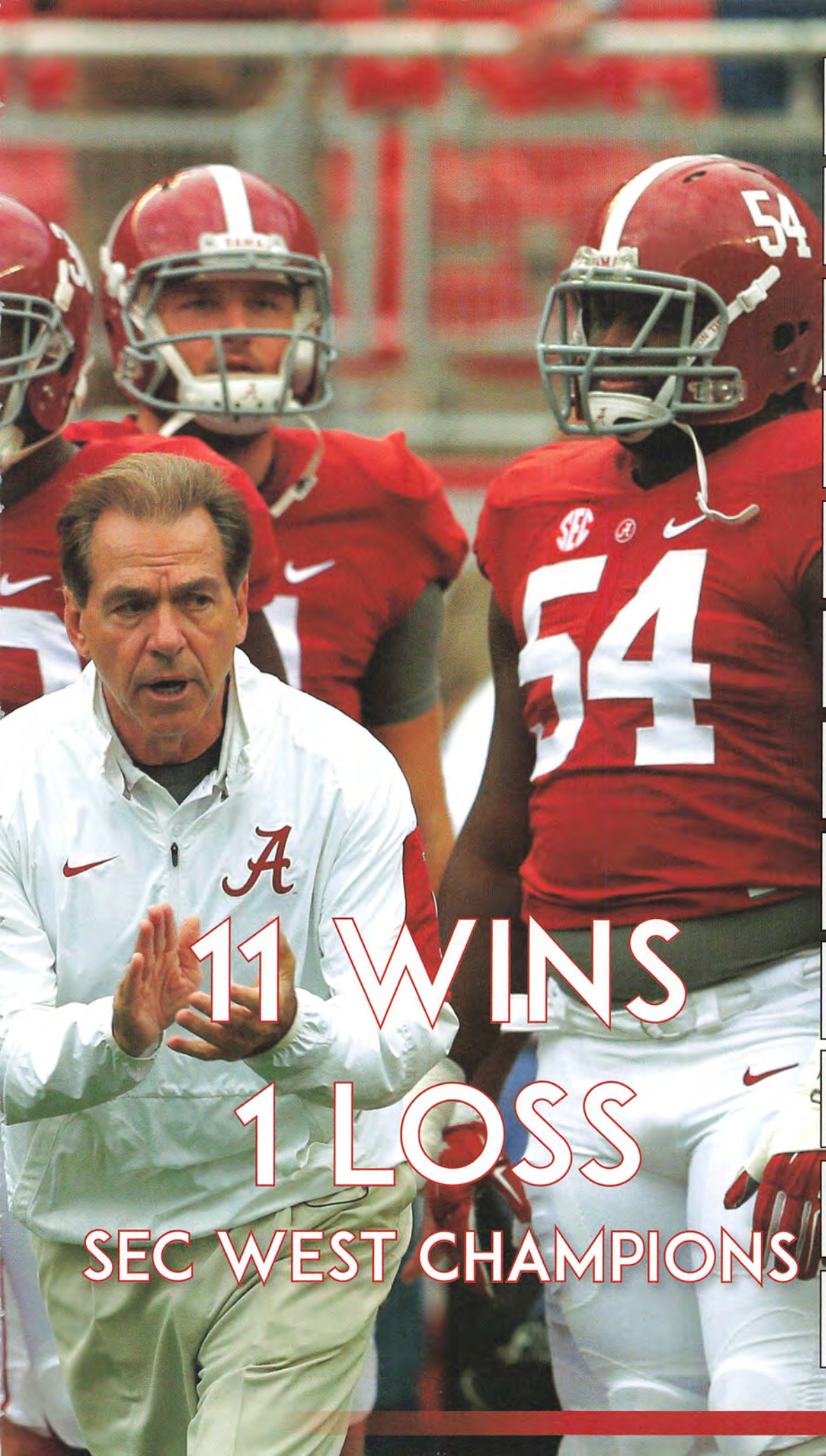
- Alabama has produced 24 members of the College Football Hall of fame, including four head coaches.
- Four different Alabama coaches have had undefeated seasons: Wallace Wade, Frank Thomas, Bear Bryant and Nick Saban.
- Alabama has won more national championships in football than the rest of the SEC combined.
- Since Bryant-Denny Stadium completed its latest renovation in 2010, it has filled all 101,821 seats every single game.



- Alabama has lost only 48 games at Bryant-Denny Stadium since 1929.
- With 36 victories starting with the 1926 Rose Bowl, no school has won more bowl games than Alabama.
- Derrick Henry, Reggie Ragland, Ryan Kelly and A'Shawn Robinson were all named First Team All-Americans in 2015.
- Since Alabama started fielding a team they have had 119 players make at least one of the official All-American teams.
- Alabama football has 863 wins, passing Oklahoma in 2015 for the seventh-most in college football history.



ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE 2015 REGULAR SEASON

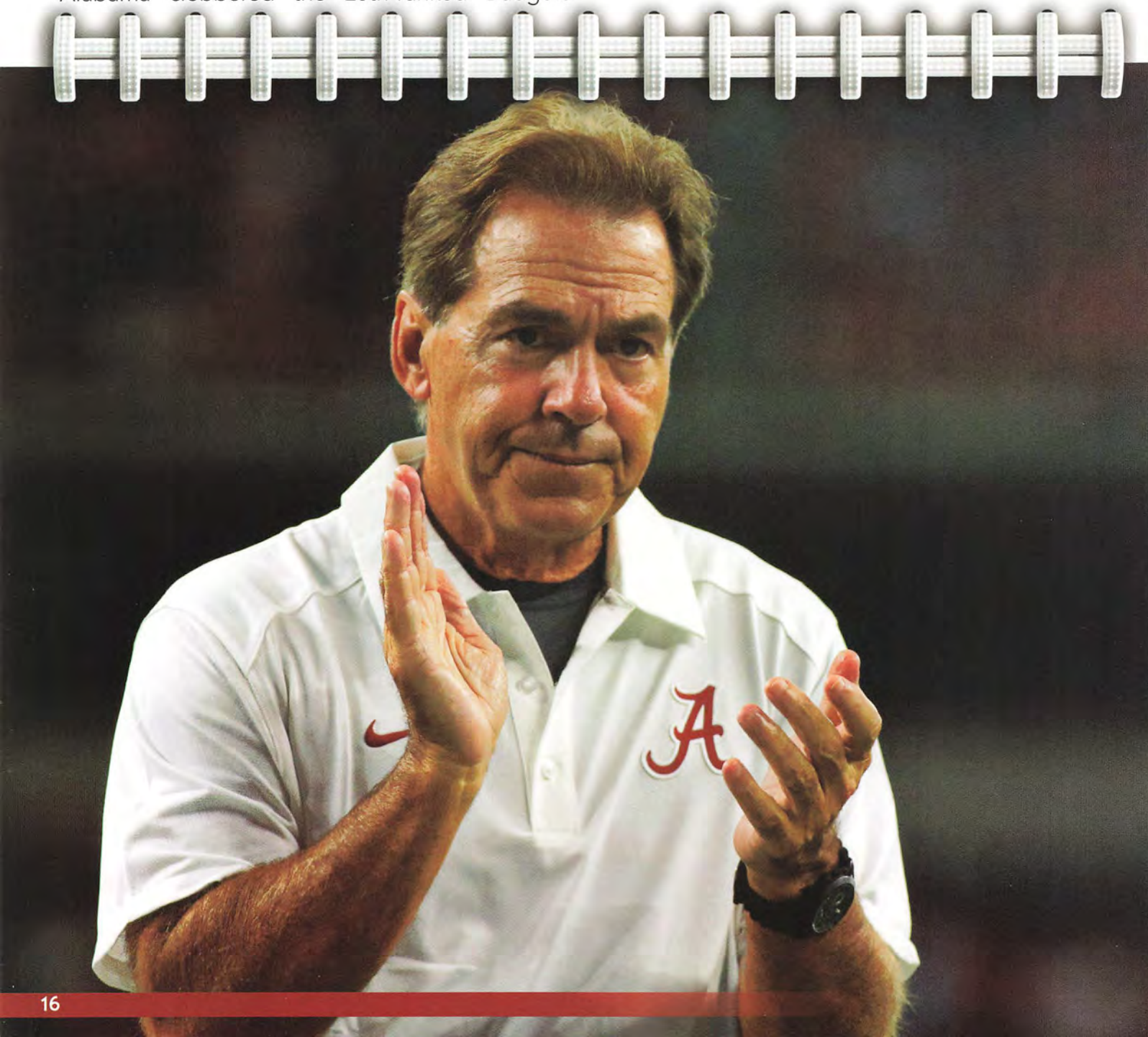


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Game 1 vs Wisconsin

Alabama opened the 2015 season at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas, facing Wisconsin in a place that would be the site of a lot of great memories. The Tide set the tone early, as Derrick Henry gave the nation a taste of his skills in the first quarter with a 37-yard touchdown, and Bama was off and running. Debuting a new quarterback, a hungry and relentless defense that just pounds opponents into submission, and of course the eventual Heisman winner in Henry, Alabama clobbered the 20th-ranked Badgers 35-17. Ironically, the last time Alabama won the national championship in the 2012 season, they also began the season in the same stadium, in the same kickoff game. Just under four months from this night Alabama would be back again, for their College Football Playoff game with Michigan State at AT&T Stadium. It was clear on this night that the Tide had the weapons, the motivation, and desire to get back on top. They had just taken their first step.





SEPTEMBER 5, 2015

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'17		35	

CHAMPS STATS

PASSING

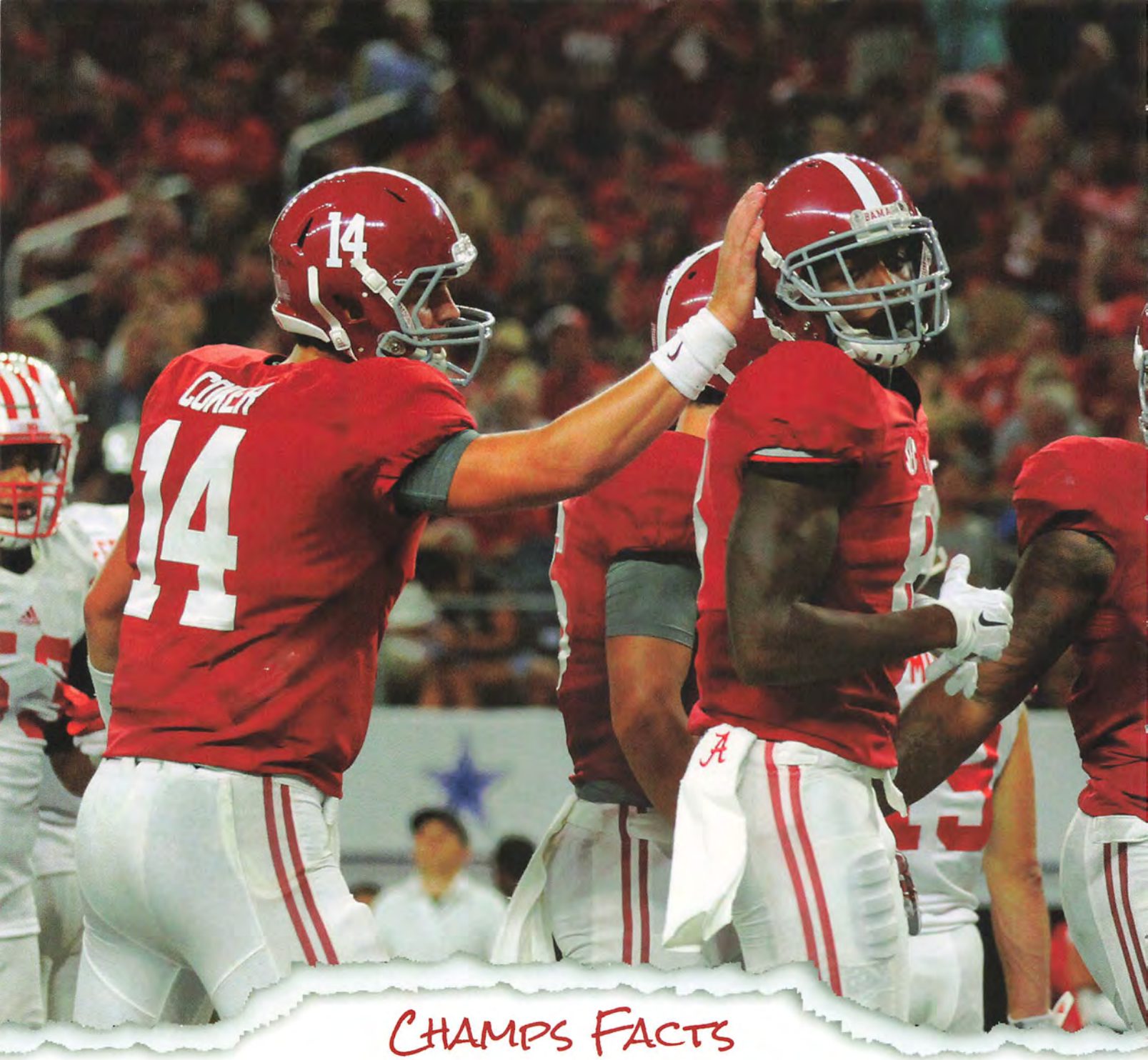
Jake Coker: 15/21, 213 yards, 1 touchdown

RUSHING

Derrick Henry: 13 carries, 147 yards, 3 touchdowns
Kenyan Drake: 10 carries, 77 yards, 1 touchdown

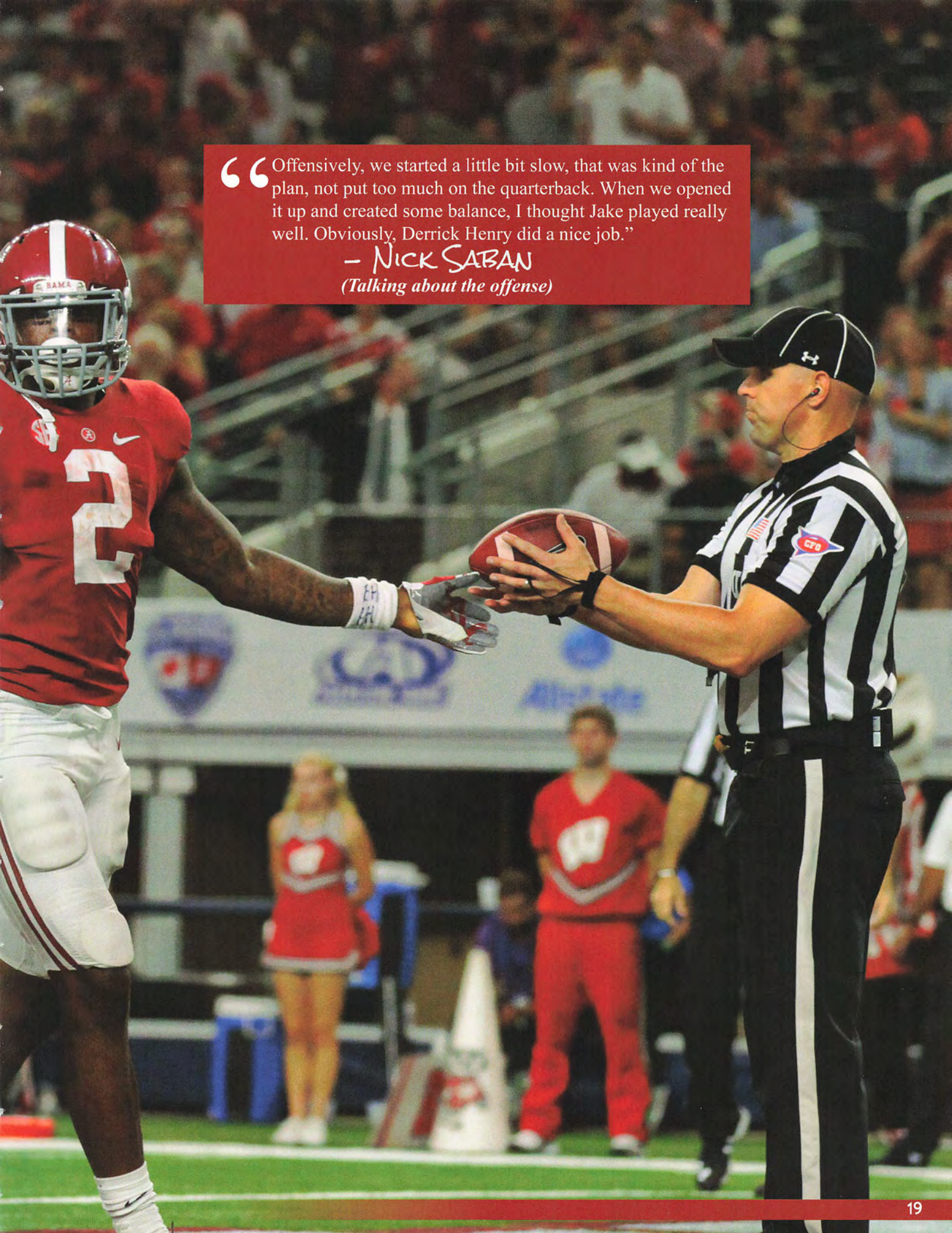
RECEIVING

Robert Foster: 4 receptions, 1 touchdown



Champs Facts

- There were seven new starters for Alabama in the game, four on defense and three on offense, including quarterback Jake Coker.
- Alabama could be considered 'America's Team', since they have now played on national television in 79 of their last 95 games.
- Alabama made its 33rd appearance on ESPN's College GameDay, and improved their record to 21-12 when they are on the show, including 18-6 under Nick Saban.
- Since 2009 Alabama is 9-2 when playing in a domed stadium.
- The Tide has dominated the Big Ten, improving to an all-time record of 25-13 against teams in that conference.



"Offensively, we started a little bit slow, that was kind of the plan, not put too much on the quarterback. When we opened it up and created some balance, I thought Jake played really well. Obviously, Derrick Henry did a nice job."

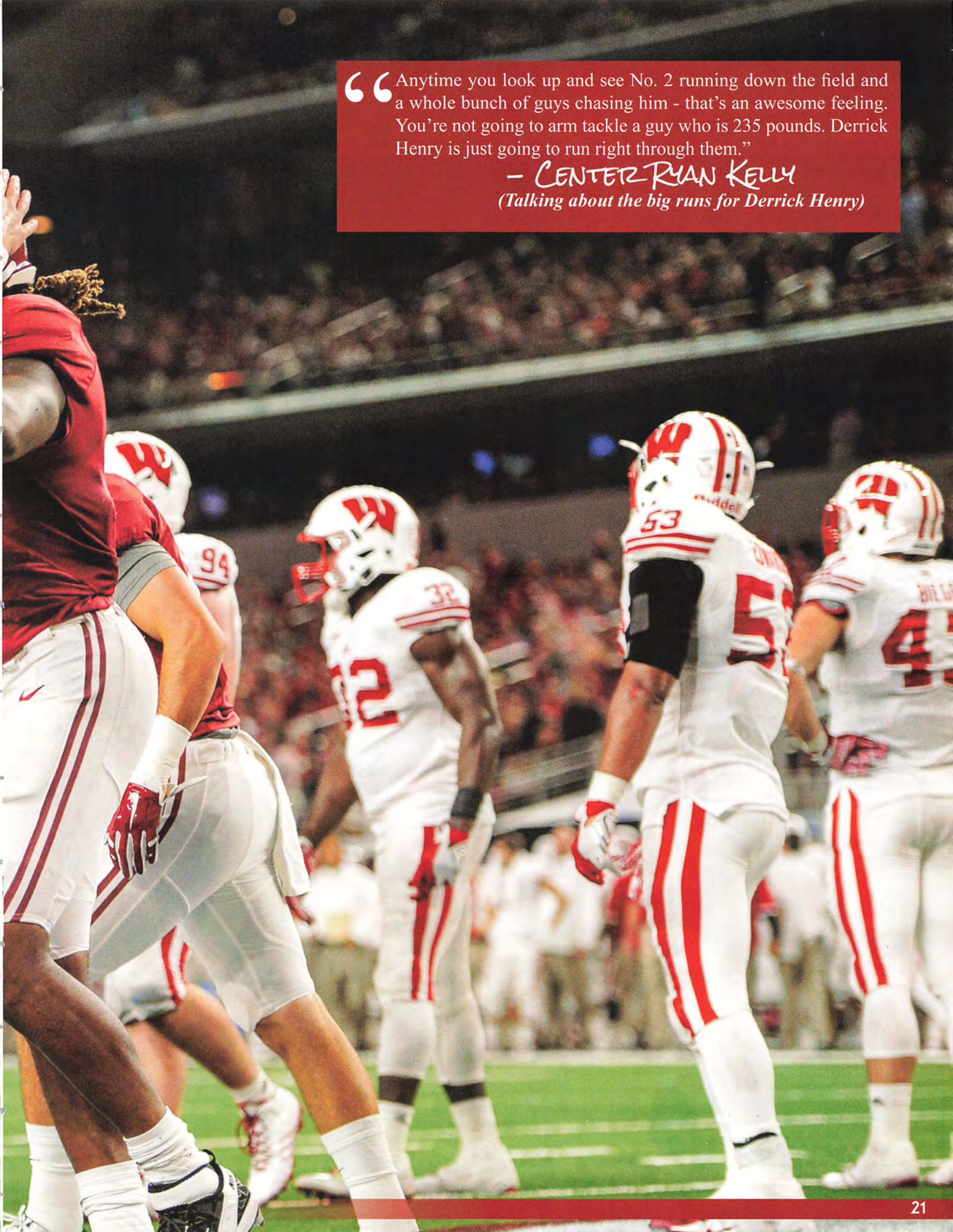
– Nick Saban

(Talking about the offense)



Champs Facts

- The last time the Crimson Tide played Wisconsin was in 1928.
- With this win, the Tide improved to a perfect 9-0 under Nick Saban in season openers.
- Jake Coker passed for 213 yards, which is the 10th-most by a Tide quarterback in their starting debut.
- The Bama defense held Wisconsin to just 268 total yards, the 67th time a Nick Saban coached defense held an opponent under 300.
- The win over the Badgers improves Alabama's all-time opening day record to 97-21-3.



"Anytime you look up and see No. 2 running down the field and a whole bunch of guys chasing him - that's an awesome feeling. You're not going to arm tackle a guy who is 235 pounds. Derrick Henry is just going to run right through them."

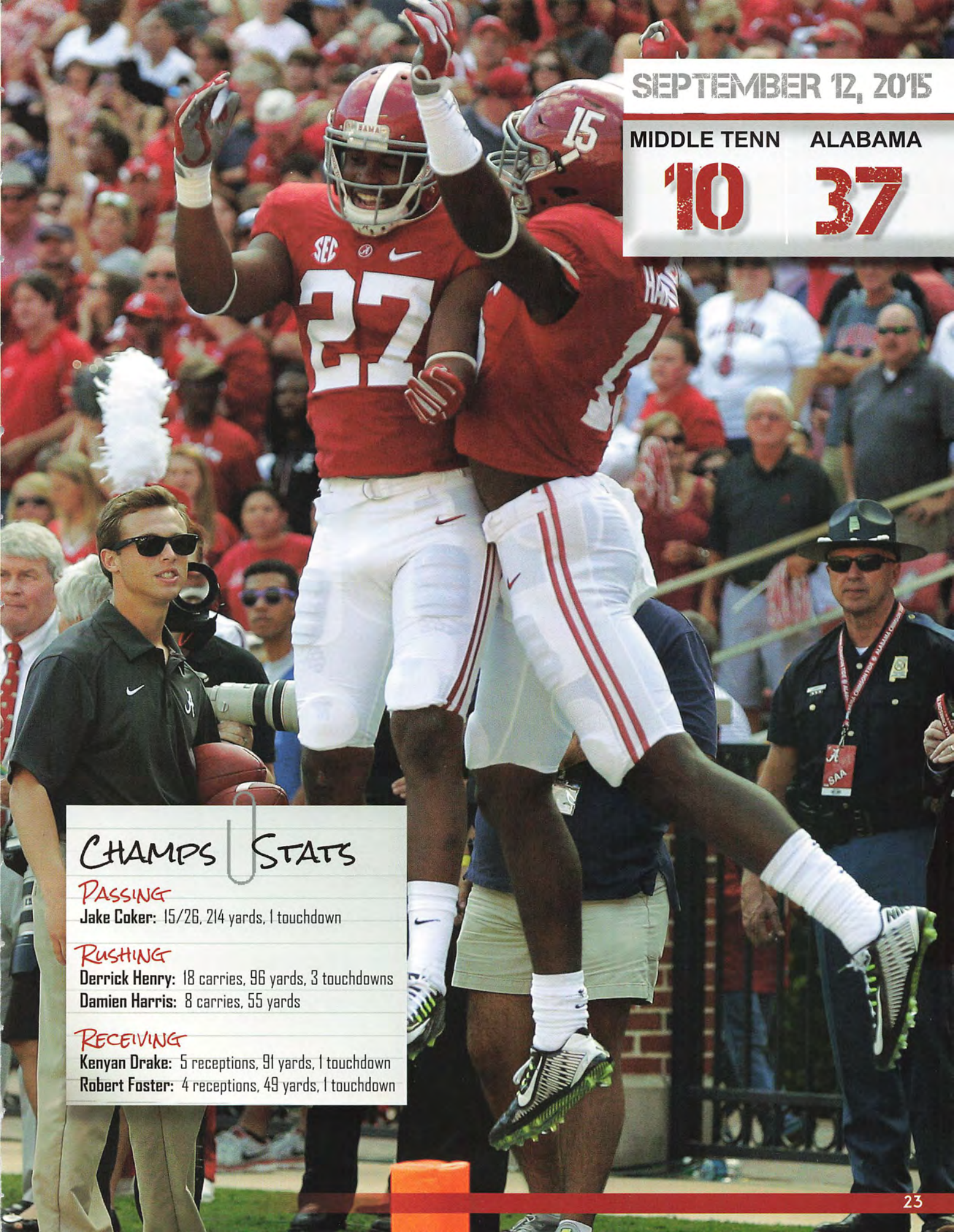
– Center Ryan Kelly

(Talking about the big runs for Derrick Henry)

Game 2 vs Middle Tennessee

It didn't matter how good Alabama looked on paper, or how much talent and skill and tradition they had, the Tide was not going to be in the hunt for the national championship without outstanding play at quarterback. In just his second start of his career, Jake Coker was beginning to make it very clear he was going to not only lead the offense, but he was going to be a key component of it when needed. In the 37-10 win over Middle Tennessee State, Coker threw for 214 yards in the first half, and it looked like Bama would have a bona fide passing attack all season. There were no question marks about their running attack. Derrick Henry ran for 96 yards and three touchdowns, and the Bama offense finished with 532 total yards against MTSU. The game was not the blowout that most people expected, and the kicking game continued to have issues, as Adam Griffith missed two more field goals. So the coaching staff will have plenty to work on in the coming week, as a tough game with Ole Miss was looming.





SEPTEMBER 12, 2015

MIDDLE TENN	ALABAMA
10	37

CHAMPS STATS

PASSING

Jake Coker: 15/26, 214 yards, 1 touchdown

RUSHING

Derrick Henry: 18 carries, 96 yards, 3 touchdowns
Damien Harris: 8 carries, 55 yards

RECEIVING

Kenyan Drake: 5 receptions, 91 yards, 1 touchdown
Robert Foster: 4 receptions, 49 yards, 1 touchdown



Champs Facts

- Derrick Henry has scored three touchdowns in each of Alabama's first two games.
- Nick Saban is now a perfect 9-0 in home openers during his tenure at Alabama.
- Alabama has now won 17-straight games at Bryant-Denny Stadium, with the last loss coming in 2012 to Johnny Manziel and Texas A&M.
- Nick Saban improved his personal all-time record as a head coach to 18-2 in home openers.
- Alabama had just four penalties in this game, after being flagged 11 times in their season opener a week ago against Wisconsin.

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"When you play games like this, if you don't have the right intensity and the right toughness, you're going to get exposed. These teams that you play are all good enough to expose you."

–Nick Saban



Champs Facts

- Nick Saban has coached 110 games at Alabama and the Tide have held their opponents to under 275 yards in 68 of those games.
- Reggie Ragland led the defense with nine tackles, the sixth time in his career he's led the team in stops.
- Derrick Henry moved into 25th place all-time for career rushing yards at Alabama, after picking up 96 yards on the game.
- The Crimson Tide have scored in 185 consecutive games, which is the longest streak in the history of the program.
- Alabama faces Ole Miss in one week, the only team to beat the Crimson Tide during the 2014 regular season.



"We came out in the second-half and started to get into a real groove. We never panicked."

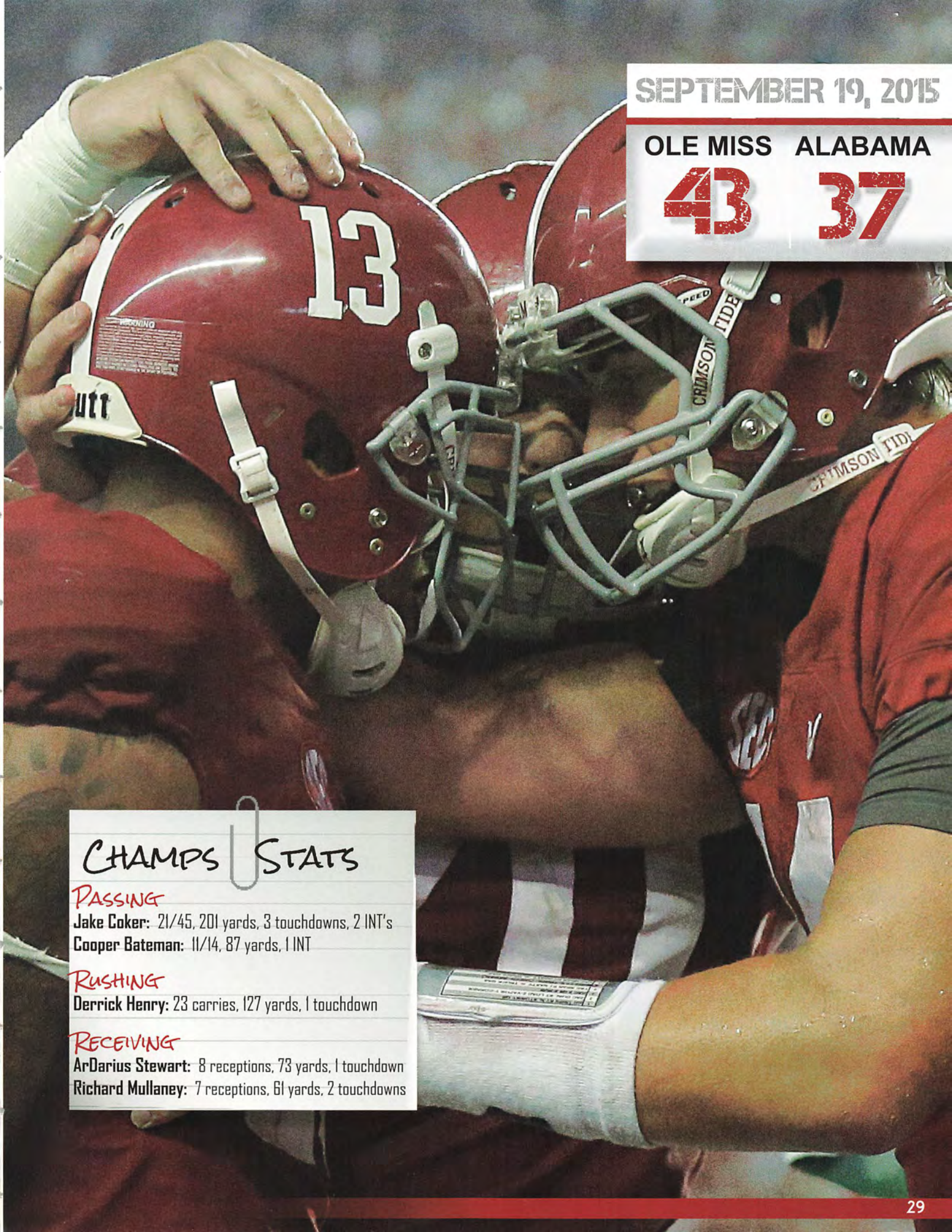
–Defensive lineman Jarran Reed

(Talking about the second half adjustments for the Tide)

Game 3 vs Ole Miss

This was one of those games that just wasn't meant to be. Looking to avenge a heart-breaking loss to the Rebels in Oxford the year before, Alabama just could not make enough plays to catch Ole Miss after they had built up a big lead. This game featured an incredible array of emotions, big plays, big mistakes, and flat-out craziness. Mississippi quarterback Chad Kelly, the nephew of NFL legend Jim Kelly, was phenomenal, and lucky. His 66-yard desperation touchdown pass off a bad snap that ended in the arms of Quincy Adeboyejo summed up the night. Derrick Henry did what he could, rushing for 127 yards, but the big mistakes on both sides of the ball just could not be overcome, as Ole Miss shocked Alabama 43-37. It was the first time the Rebels have won on the Tide's home field since 1988, and it meant that Alabama had an uphill climb to win the SEC West, let alone a national championship.





SEPTEMBER 19, 2015

OLE MISS	ALABAMA
43	37

Champs Stats

Passing

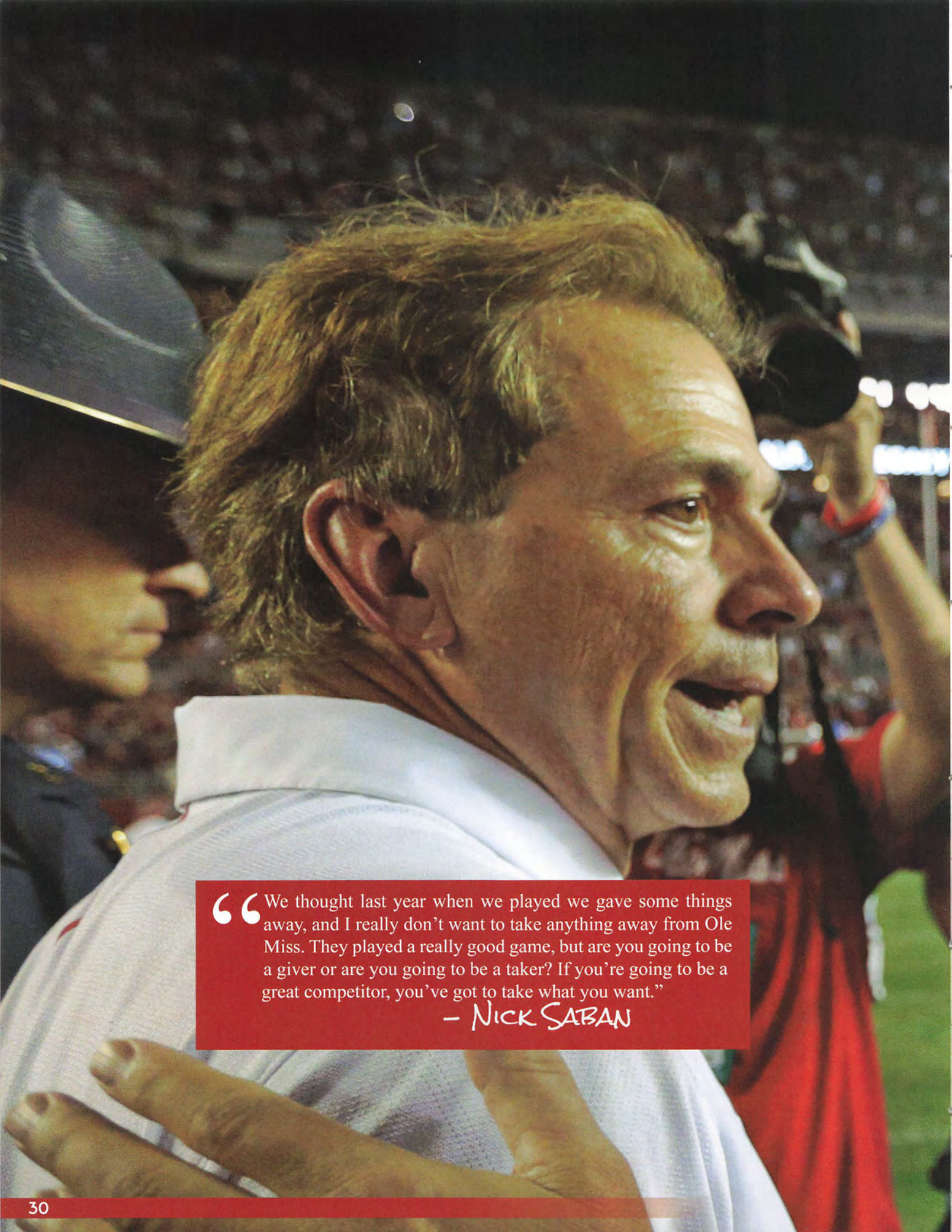
Jake Coker: 21/45, 201 yards, 3 touchdowns, 2 INT's
Cooper Bateman: 11/14, 87 yards, 1 INT

Rushing

Derrick Henry: 23 carries, 127 yards, 1 touchdown

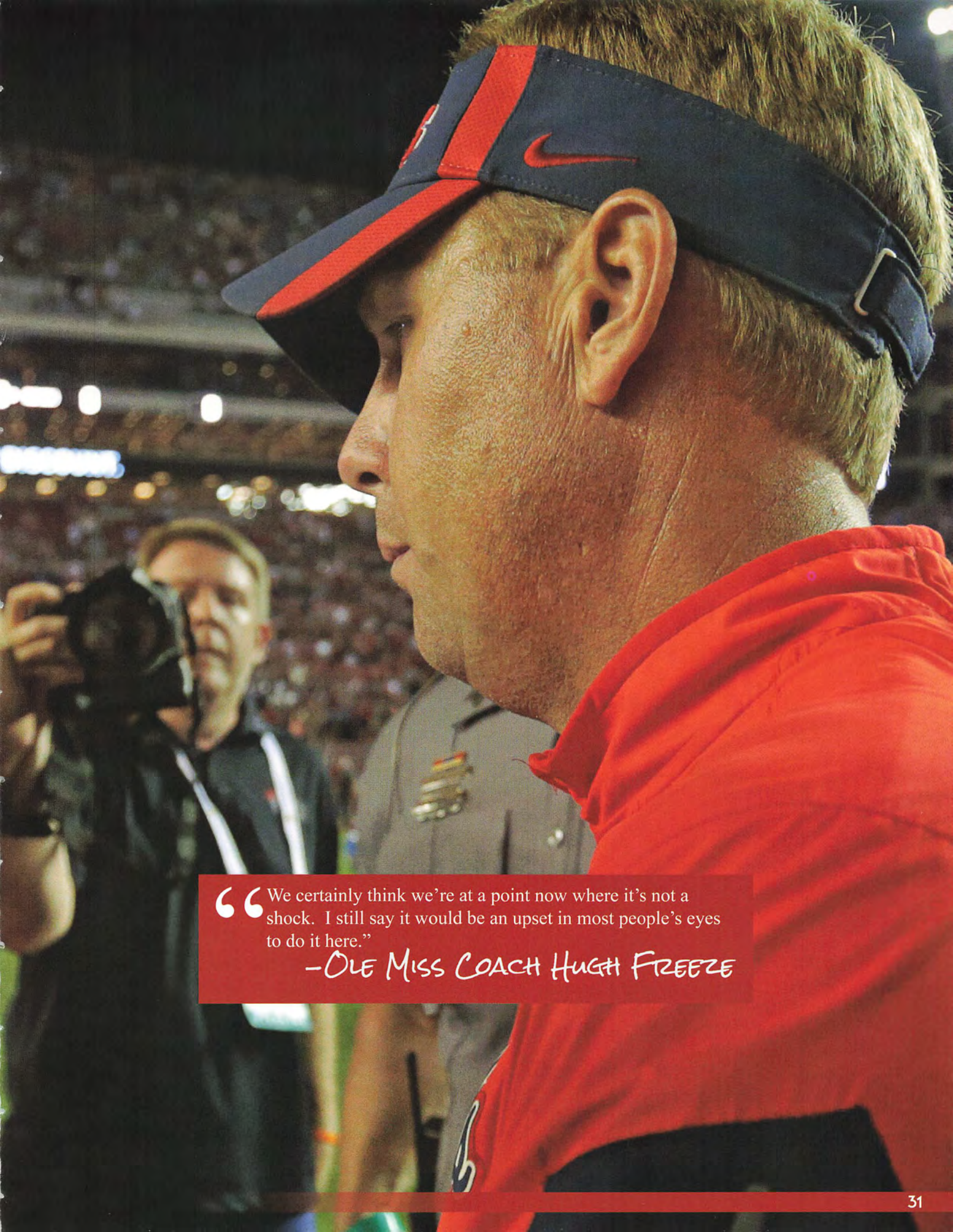
Receiving

ArDarius Stewart: 8 receptions, 73 yards, 1 touchdown
Richard Mullaney: 7 receptions, 61 yards, 2 touchdowns



"We thought last year when we played we gave some things away, and I really don't want to take anything away from Ole Miss. They played a really good game, but are you going to be a giver or are you going to be a taker? If you're going to be a great competitor, you've got to take what you want."

– Nick Saban



"We certainly think we're at a point now where it's not a shock. I still say it would be an upset in most people's eyes to do it here."

-Ole Miss Coach Hugh Freeze



Champs Facts

- The Alabama defense has allowed at least 42 points in three of its past six games. Prior to that, the Tide had given up 42 or more points only twice in 105 games under Nick Saban.
- Alabama's record at home against Ole Miss fell to 27-2 after this loss. Before this game, the Tide had won 12-straight against the Rebels in Tuscaloosa.
- Ole Miss has now defeated Alabama in back-to-back years for the first time in history.
- Cooper Bateman started at quarterback before Jake Coker entered the game. It was Bateman's first start of the season.
- A common storyline nationally after this game was the Alabama dynasty under Nick Saban had come to an end.

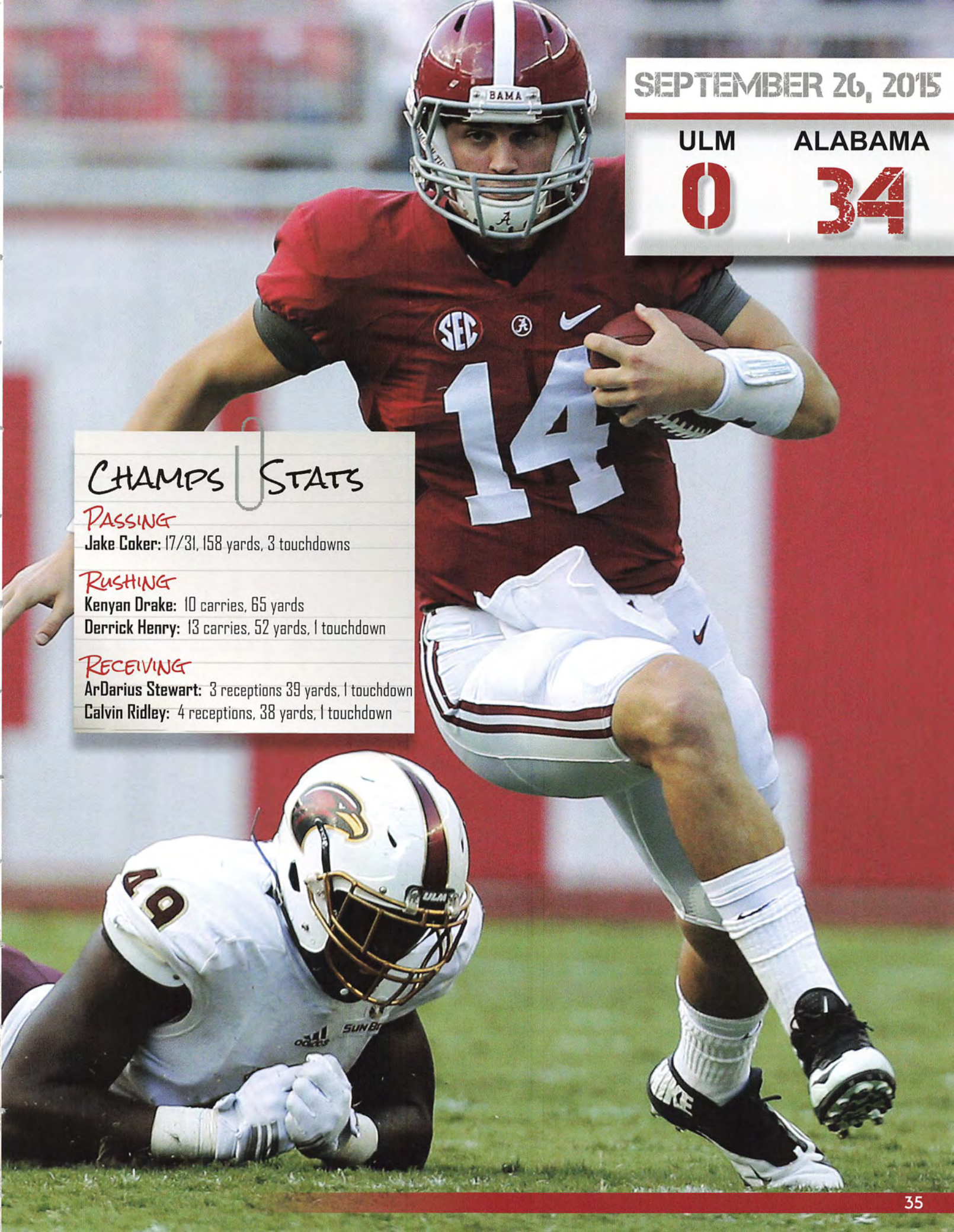


- The win for Ole Miss marked the first time the Rebels have beaten Alabama in consecutive meetings in their 63-game series history, which dated back all the way to 1894.
- This was the first time Bama has lost to Mississippi at home since 1988.
- The Crimson Tide committed 5 turnovers in this game, while Ole Miss did not turn the ball over a single time.
- This game was the first time a Nick Saban team was -5 in the turnover battle.
- Alabama was 8-0 in SEC openers under Nick Saban until this game.

Game 4 vs ULM

The formula for Alabama was simple from this game going forward. If the Crimson Tide had any hopes of being in the hunt for trophies at the end of the year, they needed to settle on a starting quarterback, have their defense dominate games, and let Derrick Henry carry the load. In this bounce-back game against Louisiana Monroe, Henry was a non-factor for the most part as he was battling an illness throughout the week, but Jake Coker threw three touchdown passes, and the D was stellar in the Tide's 34-0 shutout of the Warhawks. Coker's numbers weren't spectacular, as he was just 17-of-31 for 158 yards, but he got the Tide into the end zone and the position desperately needed stability, which he provided. Nobody was crowning the Tide with anything after this game, as there were still question marks since the opponent wasn't from the SEC or a major conference, but at least the Tide didn't seem to let the previous loss to Ole Miss affect them as they improved to 3-1.





SEPTEMBER 26, 2015

ULM	ALABAMA
0	34

Champs Stats

Passing
Jake Coker: 17/31, 158 yards, 3 touchdowns

Rushing
Kenyan Drake: 10 carries, 65 yards
Derrick Henry: 13 carries, 52 yards, 1 touchdown

Receiving
ArDarius Stewart: 3 receptions 39 yards, 1 touchdown
Calvin Ridley: 4 receptions, 38 yards, 1 touchdown



Champs Facts

- One bright spot for the Tide in this game was the fact kicker Adam Griffith made two field goals after his early-season struggles.
- The Alabama defense held the Warhawks to an incredible nine total rushing yards on 31 carries.
- This was the first game against Louisiana Monroe since the Warhawks shocked the Tide 21-14, in Nick Saban's first season with Alabama.
- The Alabama defense had six sacks and forced two turnovers.
- Derrick Henry has scored at least one touchdown in each of the last nine games.

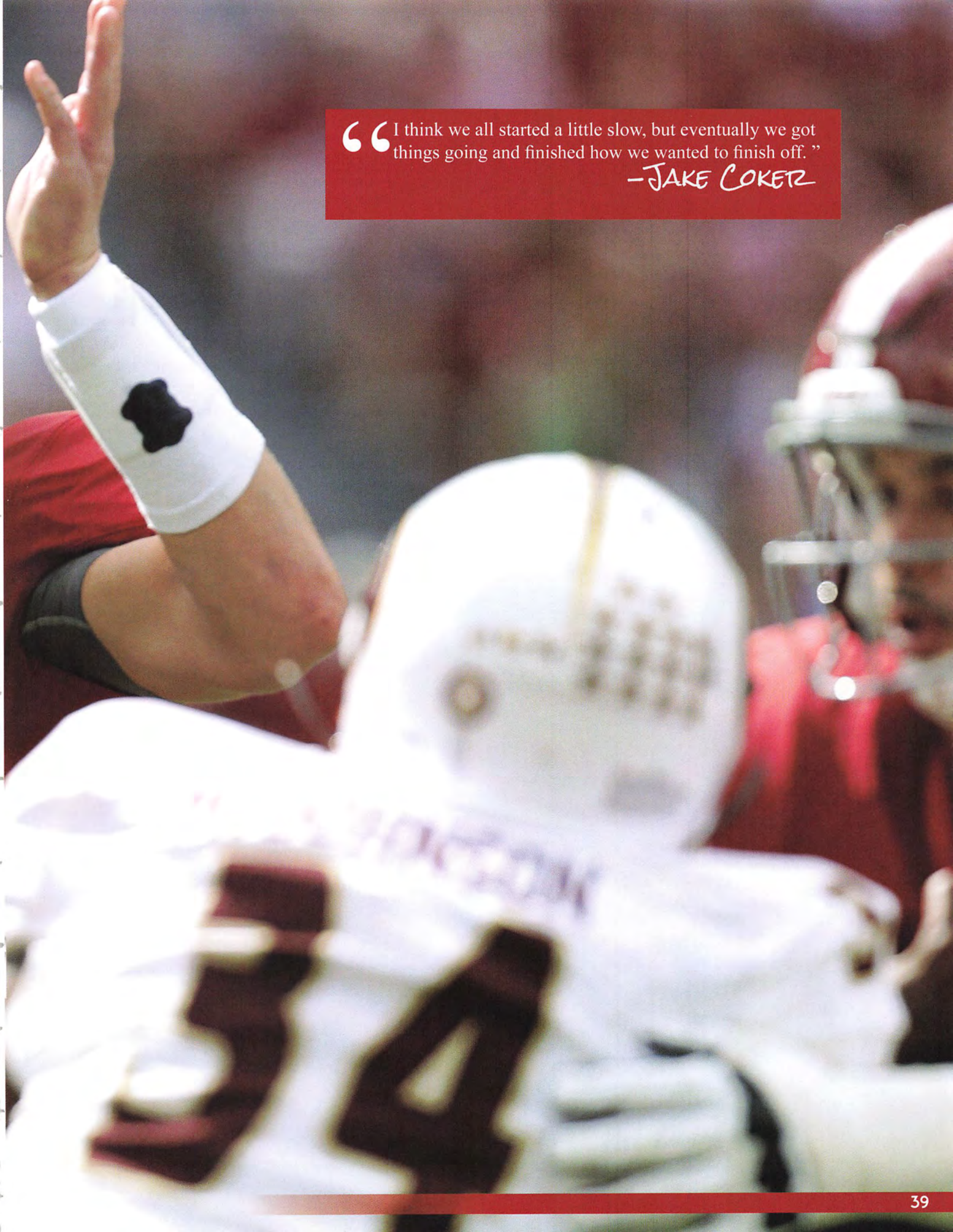


> "Reggie Ragland kept saying that no one's scoring on us, and that's been the motto. It motivates us because it has to be the standard. We didn't have the best game last week, so we just have to keep creating an identity.
>
> –Safety Geno Matias-Smith
> ***(Talking about the mindset of the Alabama defense)***



Champs Facts

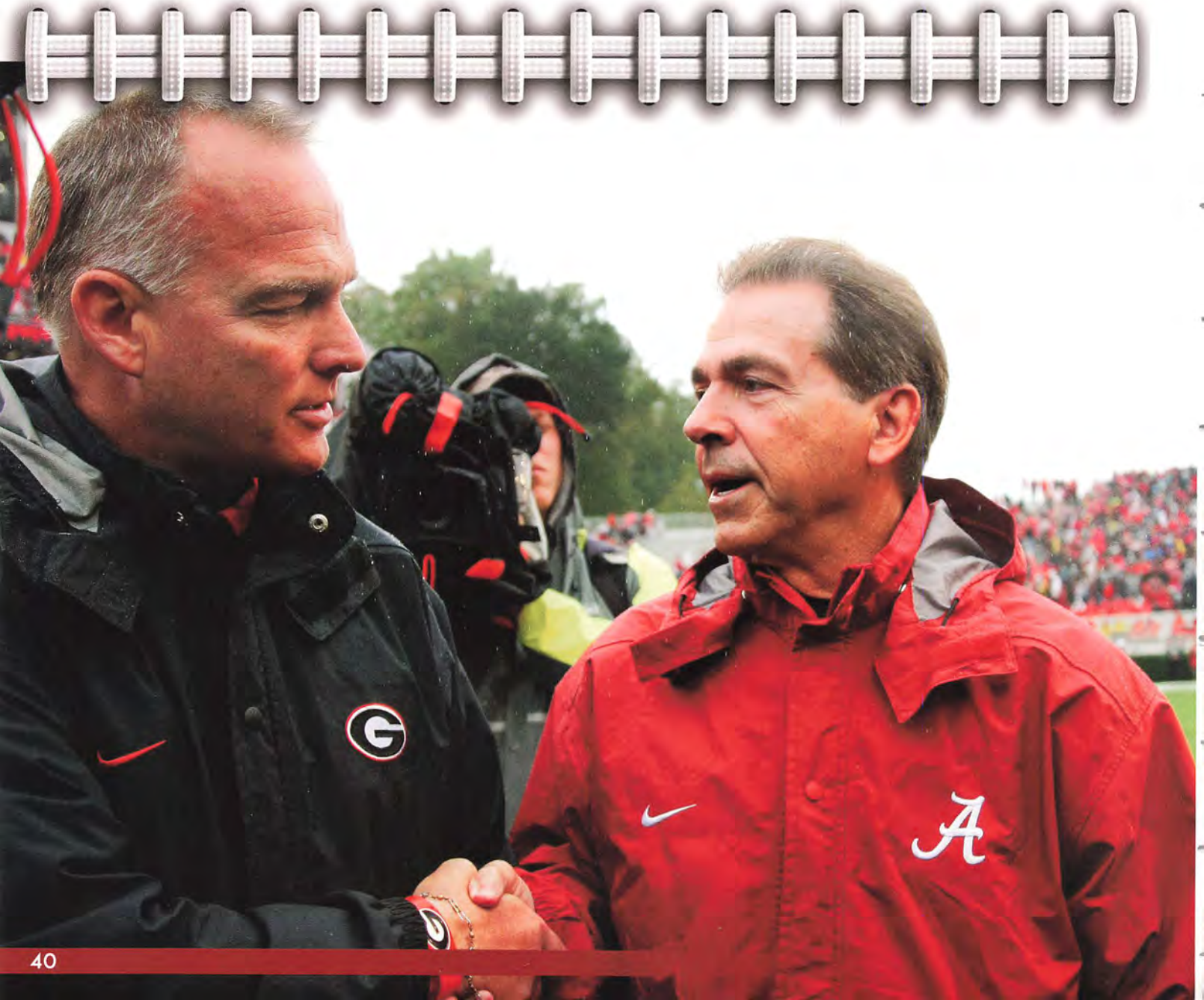
- Since 2008, each time Alabama has lost a game in the regular season they have bounced back to win all six times the following week.
- The Alabama defense has allowed the fewest touchdowns in all of college football since the 2009 season, giving up just 126 TD's in 84 games.
- The Bama defense had six sacks, four coming in the first half.
- Derrick Henry has had at least one touchdown in each of the last nine Alabama games.

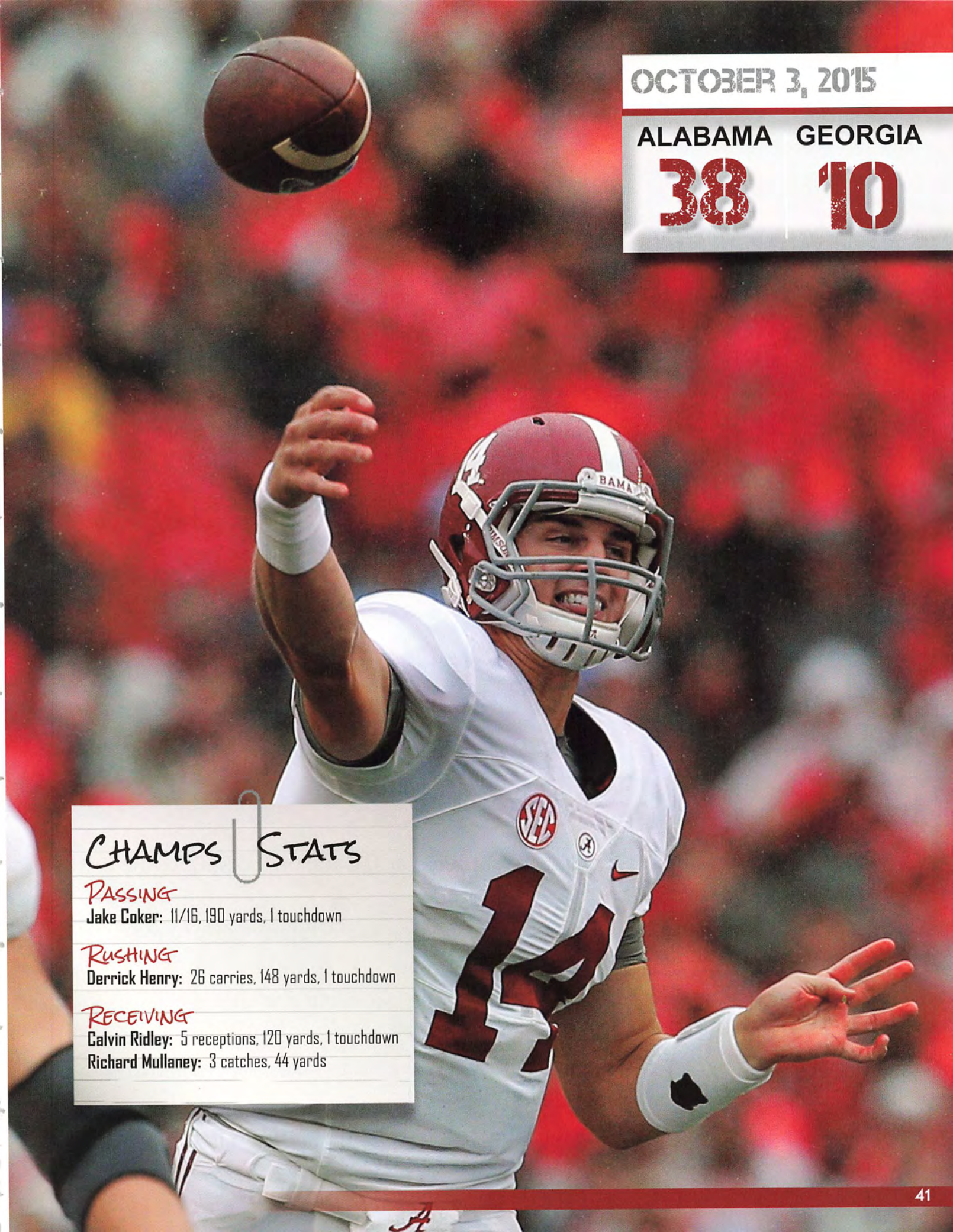


"I think we all started a little slow, but eventually we got things going and finished how we wanted to finish off."
–JAKE COKER

Game 5 vs Georgia

On this afternoon in Athens, Georgia, the Alabama Crimson Tide made it clear they should be included in all discussions of who might be competing for an SEC title as well as a national championship. The Tide played a phenomenal game. Jake Coker was spectacular running the offense, the defense dominated like usual, and the special teams even added a score, as the Tide blasted Georgia 38-10. While Coker didn't put up monstrous numbers, passing for 190 yards, he did what was asked of him in Lane Kiffin's offense. Derrick Henry officially launched his Heisman campaign, as he rushed for 148 yards, and scored on a 30-yard run that gave Bama the lead they would never relinquish in the second quarter. The game was very familiar to the infamous "Blackout" game in 2008, which was the last time the Crimson Tide played in Athens. In that game, Georgia wore black jerseys but were annihilated by a Bama team that jumped out to a 31-0 lead. This game was very similar, as Alabama players came out with a swagger and backed up their brashness with a dominating performance. The Crimson Tide flexed their muscles on national television, and showed the world that they were back. And not planning on going anywhere.





OCTOBER 3, 2015

ALABAMA	GEORGIA
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Champs Stats

Passing
Jake Coker: 11/16, 190 yards, 1 touchdown

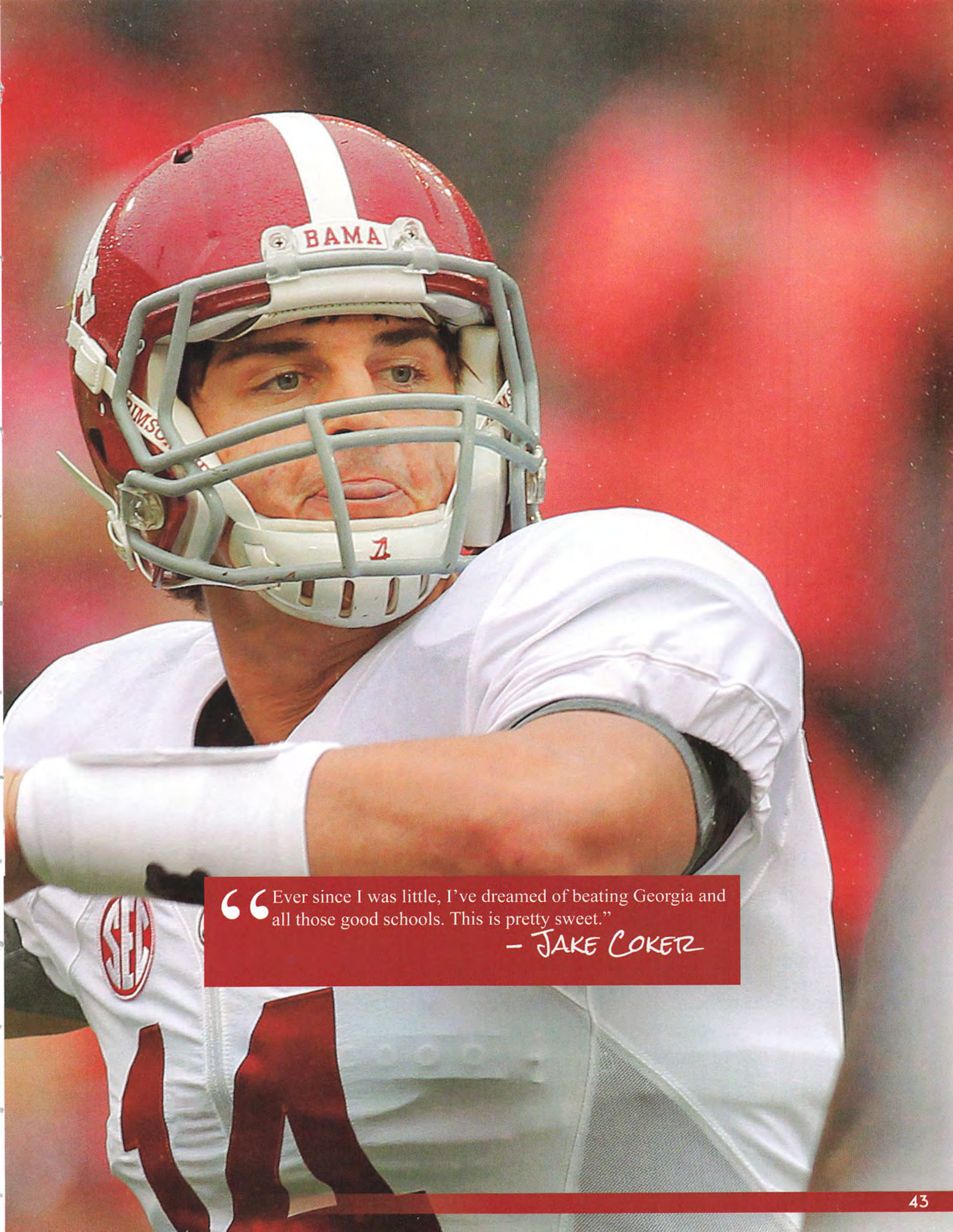
Rushing
Derrick Henry: 26 carries, 148 yards, 1 touchdown

Receiving
Calvin Ridley: 5 receptions, 120 yards, 1 touchdown
Richard Mullaney: 3 catches, 44 yards



Champs Facts

- The win for Alabama meant the Tide would avoid an 0-2 start in the SEC for the first time since 1990.
- The Alabama defense was so dominant that Georgia pulled starting quarterback Greyson Lambert in the second quarter.
- Georgia went with their "blackout" strategy in this game but it failed miserably, just like it did in 2008, the last time Alabama played in Athens.
- Georgia running back Nick Chubb rushed for 146 yards, the majority coming on a 83-yard touchdown run late in the third quarter.
- The game was played in a steady rain between the hedges, and fans left the game in droves in the third quarter.



"Ever since I was little, I've dreamed of beating Georgia and all those good schools. This is pretty sweet."
– JAKE COKER



Champs Facts

- Nick Saban is now 34-13 against teams that were ranked in the AP top 25, and Saban is 18-7 against teams in the top-10.
- Alabama teams coached by Nick Saban are now 29-6 in road games.
- The defense and special teams contributed points in this game, as Eddie Jackson returned an INT 50 yards for a score, and Minkah Fitzgerald blocked a punt and recovered it for a touchdown.
- In his last six games, Derrick Henry has rushed for 806 yards and 12 touchdowns.
- Under Nick Saban, Alabama teams have scored 36 non-offensive touchdowns since he arrived.



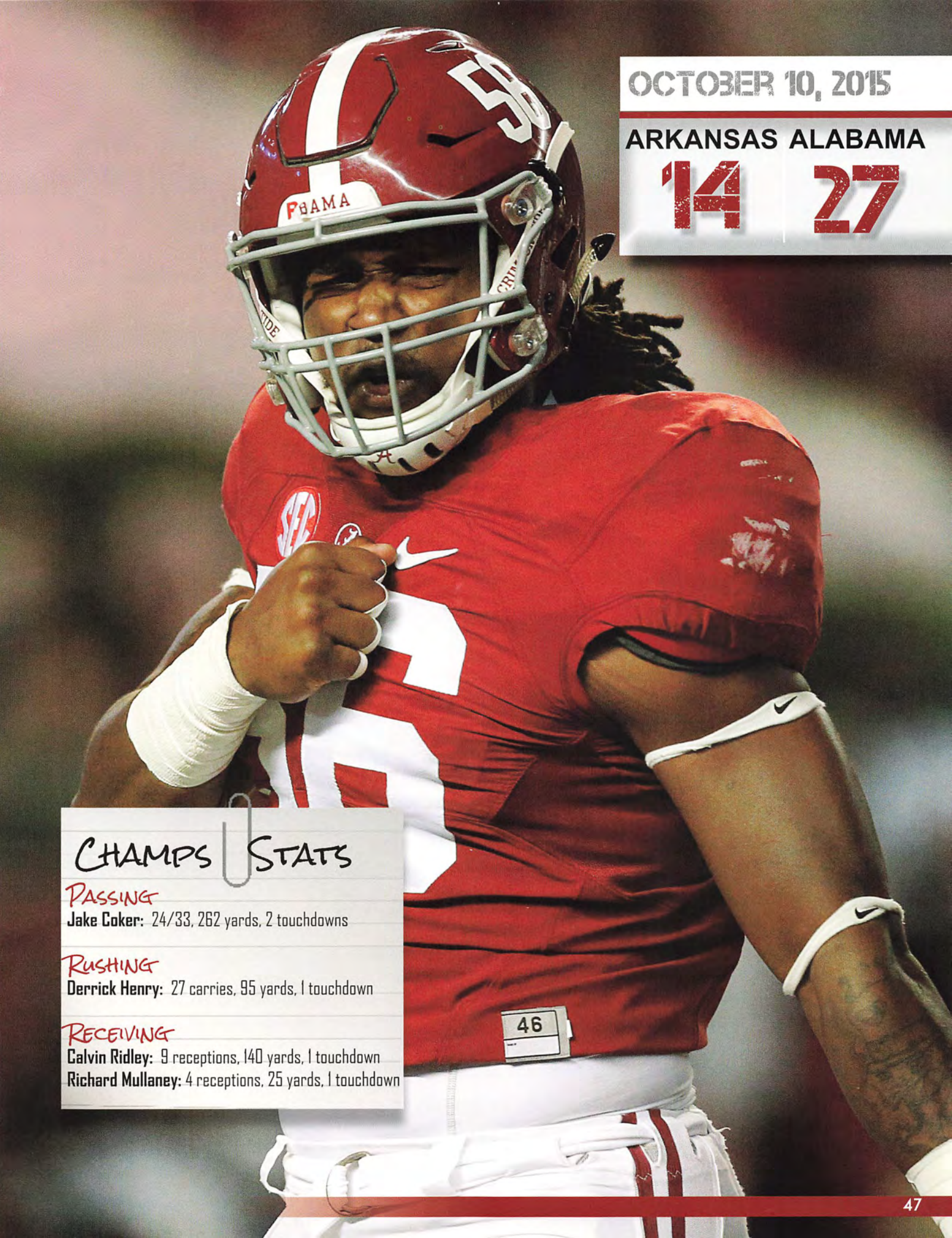
"I told them before the game that the plan we had for them, ordinary men couldn't go out there and get it done. We needed them to be extraordinary."

–Nick Saban

Game 6 vs Arkansas

The ease and convincing nature of Alabama's win over Georgia wasn't evident the following week, as the Tide hosted Arkansas at Bryant-Denny Stadium. The Tide was morphing into a very well-rounded team, but they were not dominant in this one. Let's start with the offense, where, like a seasoned pilot logging more hours in the cockpit, Jake Coker seems more and more comfortable navigating Lane Kiffin's offense. The big play in the 27-14 win was an 81-yard bomb, as Coker connected with Calvin Ridley for a score. Alabama scored 17 points in the fourth quarter to put this game away. Defensively, it wasn't as much of a dominating performance but the Bama D completely took away the Razorbacks ability to run the football, holding them to 44 yards for the entire game. For anyone concerned with the Tide having an emotional letdown after the Georgia game, those worries were unfounded. Nick Saban wouldn't allow it. The leadership on the roster would have none of it, and it all added up to a ninth-straight win over Arkansas.





OCTOBER 10, 2015

ARKANSAS	ALABAMA
14	27

Champs Stats

Passing

Jake Coker: 24/33, 262 yards, 2 touchdowns

Rushing

Derrick Henry: 27 carries, 95 yards, 1 touchdown

Receiving

Calvin Ridley: 9 receptions, 140 yards, 1 touchdown

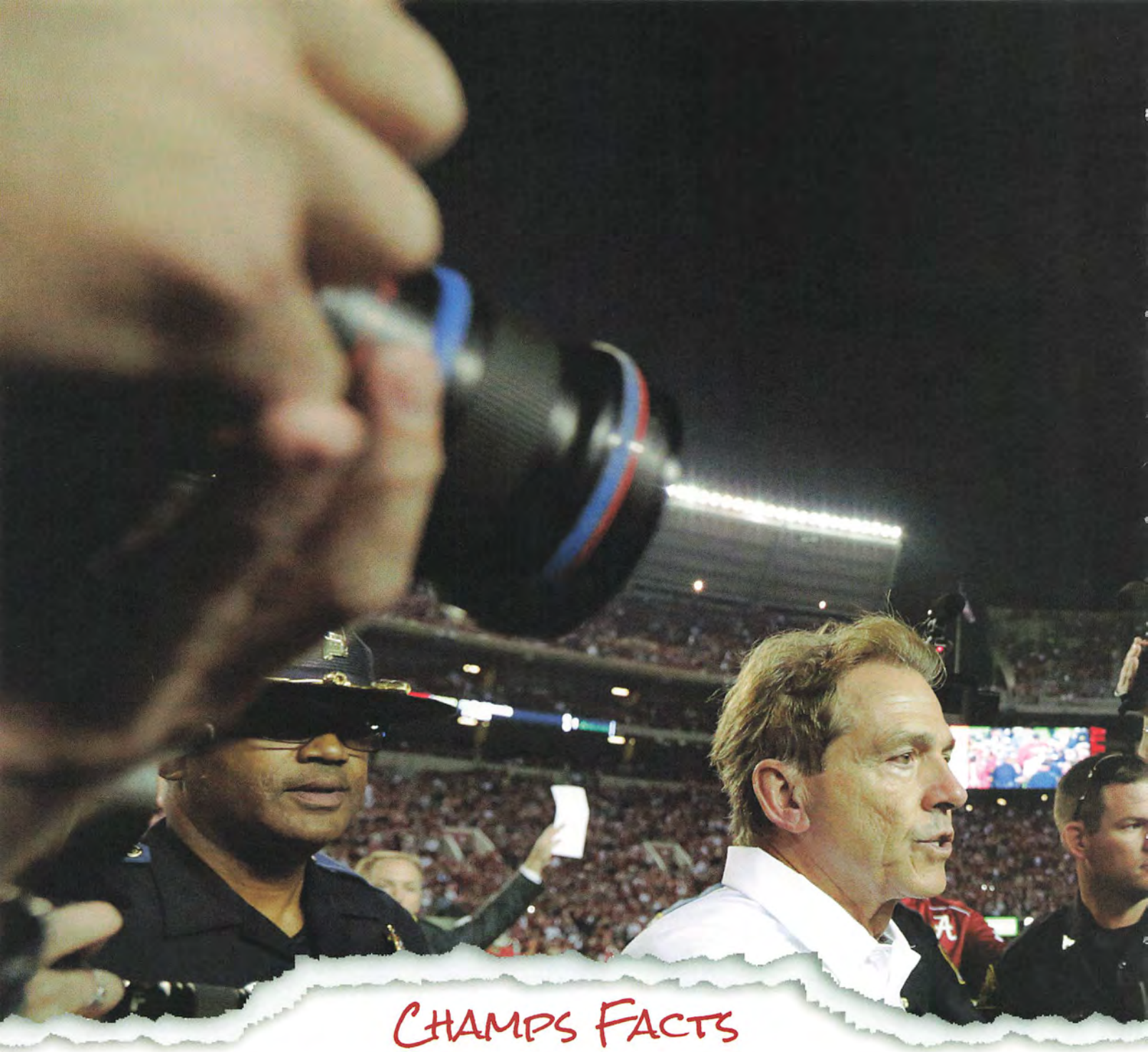
Richard Mullaney: 4 receptions, 25 yards, 1 touchdown



Champs Facts

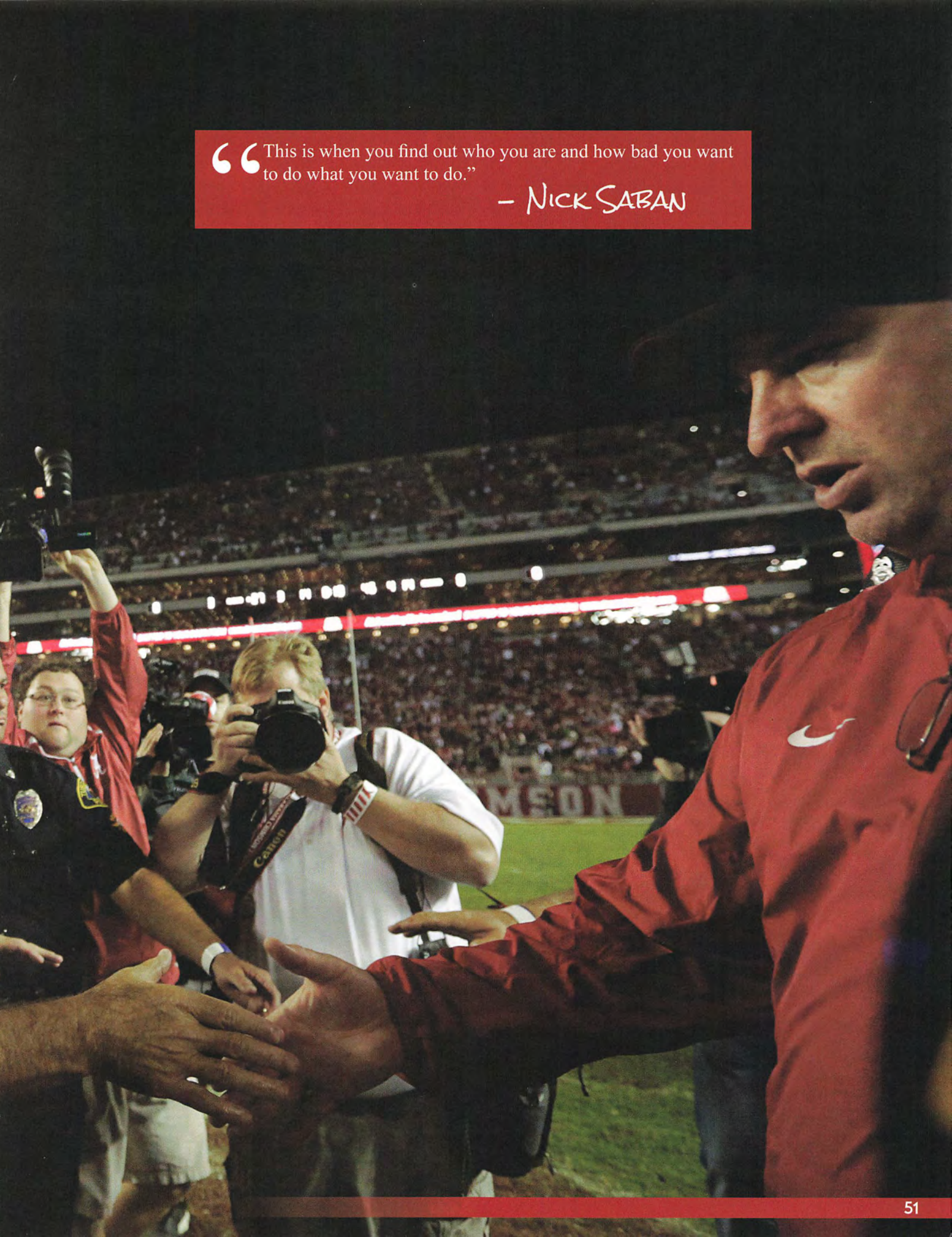
- Alabama scored 17 points in the fourth-quarter. Before this game, Arkansas had only given up a total of 15 fourth quarter points in their first five games.
- Derrick Henry set an Alabama record by scoring a touchdown in his 11th-straight game.
- The Crimson Tide has beaten Arkansas nine-straight times.
- Nick Saban has never lost to Arkansas as a head coach at Alabama.
- Once again, the Bama defense held an opponent under 300 total yards, the fifth time they have done that this season.


"We are the best defense in the country, hands down."
– Safety Eddie Jackson
(Talking about the Alabama defense)



Champs Facts

- Arkansas only managed a total of 44 yards rushing in this game.
- The Crimson Tide has put points on the board in the first half of 189-straight games, the longest streak in school history.
- It was homecoming at Alabama, and head gymnastics coach Dana Duckworth was honored as the Grand Marshal of the 2015 Homecoming Parade.
- The Alabama defense completely shut down Arkansas running back Alex Collins, holding him to just 26 yards on the ground.
- The Tide hits the road in one week to take on ninth-ranked Texas A&M, which had a bye week.


"This is when you find out who you are and how bad you want to do what you want to do."
– Nick Saban

Game 7 vs Texas A&M

This game summed up the 2015 Alabama Crimson Tide. The eventual SEC and national champions went on the road to take on ninth-ranked Texas A&M, and the Tide rode their Heisman Trophy winning running back and incomparable defense to stuff the Aggies 41-23. Let's start with the defense. It's almost impossible to lose when your D is as dominant as the Bama defense was on this day. The Tide returned a total of three interceptions to the house, including two in the first half. That's 21 points courtesy of the defense. The offense ate up clock time by handing the ball to Derrick Henry and letting him do his thing. He finished with a career-high 236 yards and two touchdowns, and the Tide just wore down a smaller and less talented team in College Station. Over 105,000 fans, including former President George H.W. Bush, were on hand to witness this dominating performance by the Crimson Tide. The country was starting to take notice. Alabama had completely bounced back from that earlier loss to Mississippi, and they made a statement today that they would be in the mix in January.





OCTOBER 17, 2015

ALABAMA	TEXAS A&M
41	23

Champs Stats

Passing
Jake Coker: 19/25, 138 yards

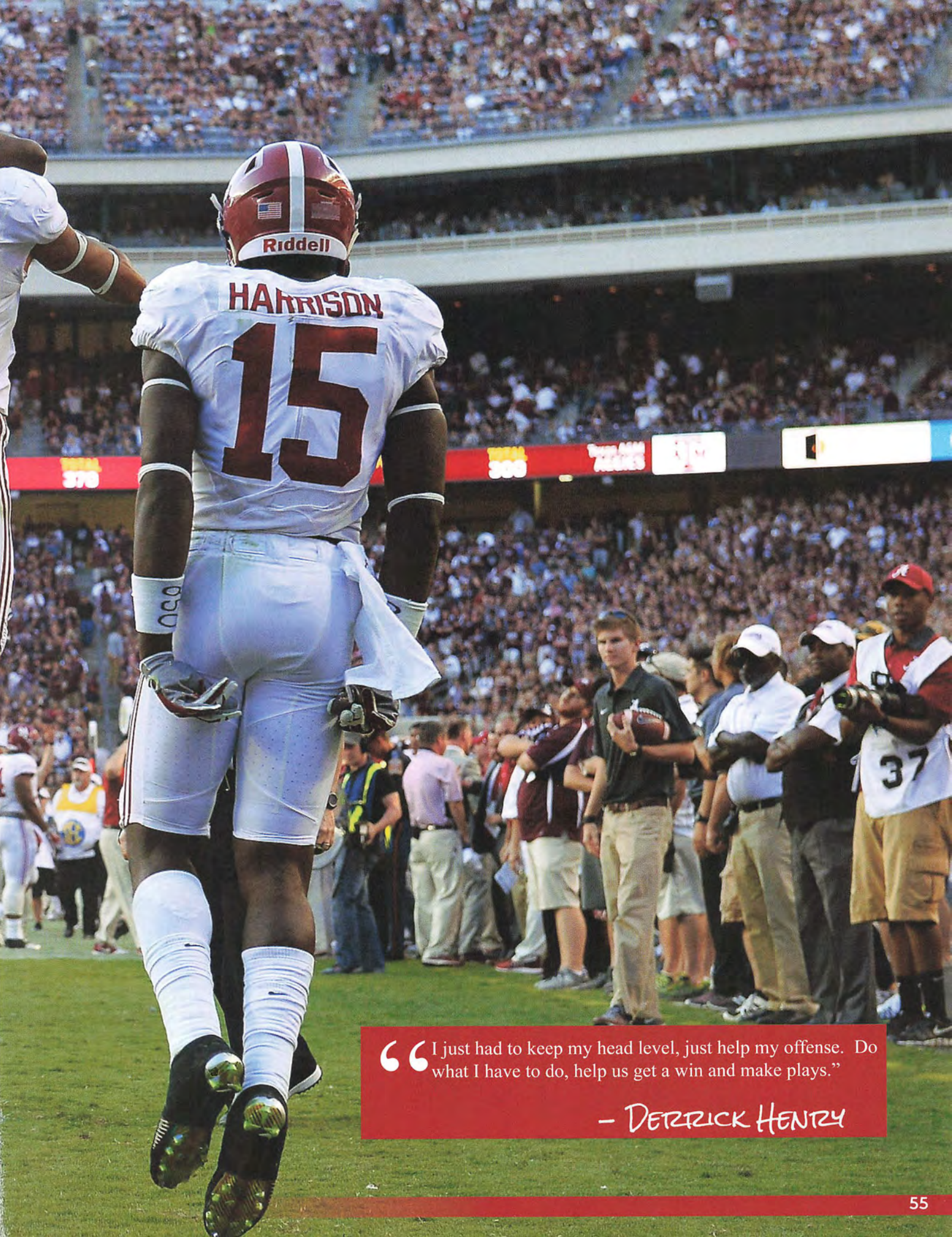
Rushing
Derrick Henry: 32 carries, 236 yards, 2 touchdowns

Defense
Minkah Fitzpatrick: 2 INT's, 2 TD's
Eddie Jackson: 2 INT's, 1 TD



Champs Facts

- Minkah Fitzpatrick and Eddie Jackson combined for four INT's, resulting in 207 return yards and three touchdowns.
- The 236 rushing yards for Derrick Henry was a career-high.
- The crowd of 105,733 was the ninth-largest to ever watch an Alabama game.
- With the win over the ninth-ranked Aggies, Alabama now owns a 35-13 record against top 25 teams since 2007.
- The Crimson Tide is dominant under Nick Saban when leading at halftime, as this win improved his record to 89-6 when taking a lead into the break.
- Minkah Fitzpatrick is the first player in Alabama history to return two interceptions for touchdowns in the same game.



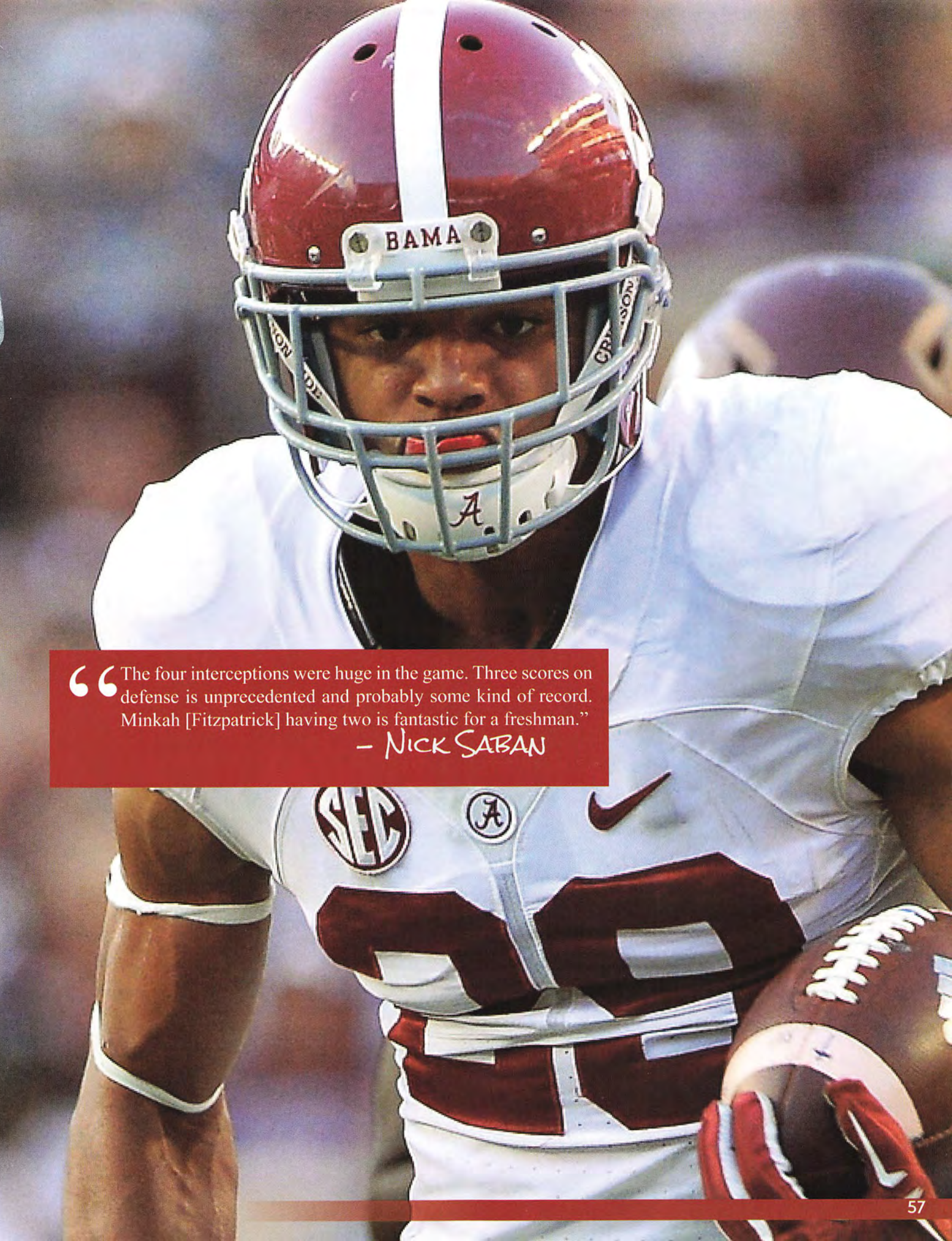
"I just had to keep my head level, just help my offense. Do what I have to do, help us get a win and make plays."

– Derrick Henry



Champs Facts

- Eddie Jackson racked up 119 return yards on his two interceptions, shattering the old record held by Mark McMillian with 98.
- The 93-yard interception return for a touchdown by Jackson was the third-longest pick six in Alabama history.
- The Tide continued to dominate on run defense, allowing the Aggies a total of just 32 yards on the ground.
- The 236 yards for Derrick Henry marks the fourth time he's gone over 100 yards in a game this season and ninth time he's done it in his career.
- Since moving from cornerback to strong safety, Eddie Jackson has recorded five interceptions in just seven games.



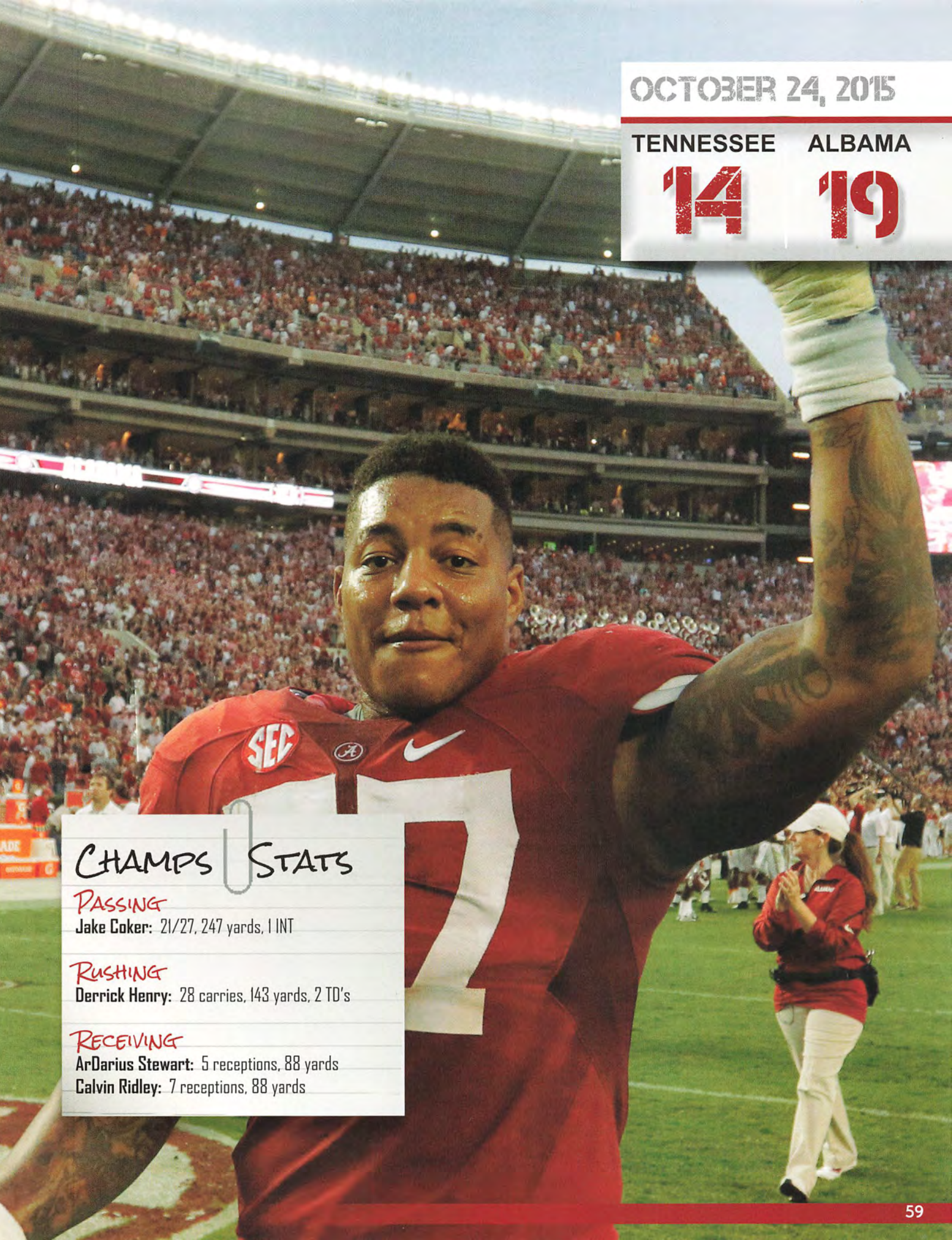
"The four interceptions were huge in the game. Three scores on defense is unprecedented and probably some kind of record. Minkah [Fitzpatrick] having two is fantastic for a freshman."

– Nick Saban

Game 8 vs Tennessee

It's hard to be dominant in every single game. Which is exactly what Alabama is finding out and demonstrating. The Tide looked unbeatable against Georgia and Texas A&M, but then there are games like this one against Tennessee in Tuscaloosa, where it took until late in the fourth quarter to finally secure a 19-14 win over the Volunteers. Maybe it's games like these that are even more impressive than the blowouts, since the bottom line is winning, and once again, Nick Saban's crew found a way to get it done. Derrick Henry scored on a 14-yard touchdown run with just over two minutes left in the game, and then the defense recorded a couple sacks on Tennessee's final drive and the Tide was able to escape with a win. It seems strange that so far the Tide has struggled a bit at home, but has been dominant on the road. But Alabama was 7-1, with a week off to rest before the showdown with LSU coming up in two weeks.





OCTOBER 24, 2015

TENNESSEE	ALBAMA
14	19

CHAMPS STATS

PASSING
Jake Coker: 21/27, 247 yards, 1 INT

RUSHING
Derrick Henry: 28 carries, 143 yards, 2 TD's

RECEIVING
ArDarius Stewart: 5 receptions, 88 yards
Calvin Ridley: 7 receptions, 88 yards



Champs Facts

- Alabama has now scored in the first half of 111 consecutive games, the longest streak in the nation. The last time the Tide has failed to score points in the first half was against Florida State in 2007.
- Derrick Henry rushed for 143 yards, his 10th-career 100-yard rushing game.
- The win was the 58th-straight for Nick Saban over an unranked team.
- Derrick Henry now ranks eight all-time for 100-yard rushing games at Alabama.
- Punter JK Scott had a strong game, and is averaging 49 yards per punt over the past three games.



"We knew it was going to be a tough game and that it was going to be a 60-minute effort. At halftime, we had to dig deep, come out on fire and I think we accepted the challenge. We weren't going to back down and we finished the game strong."

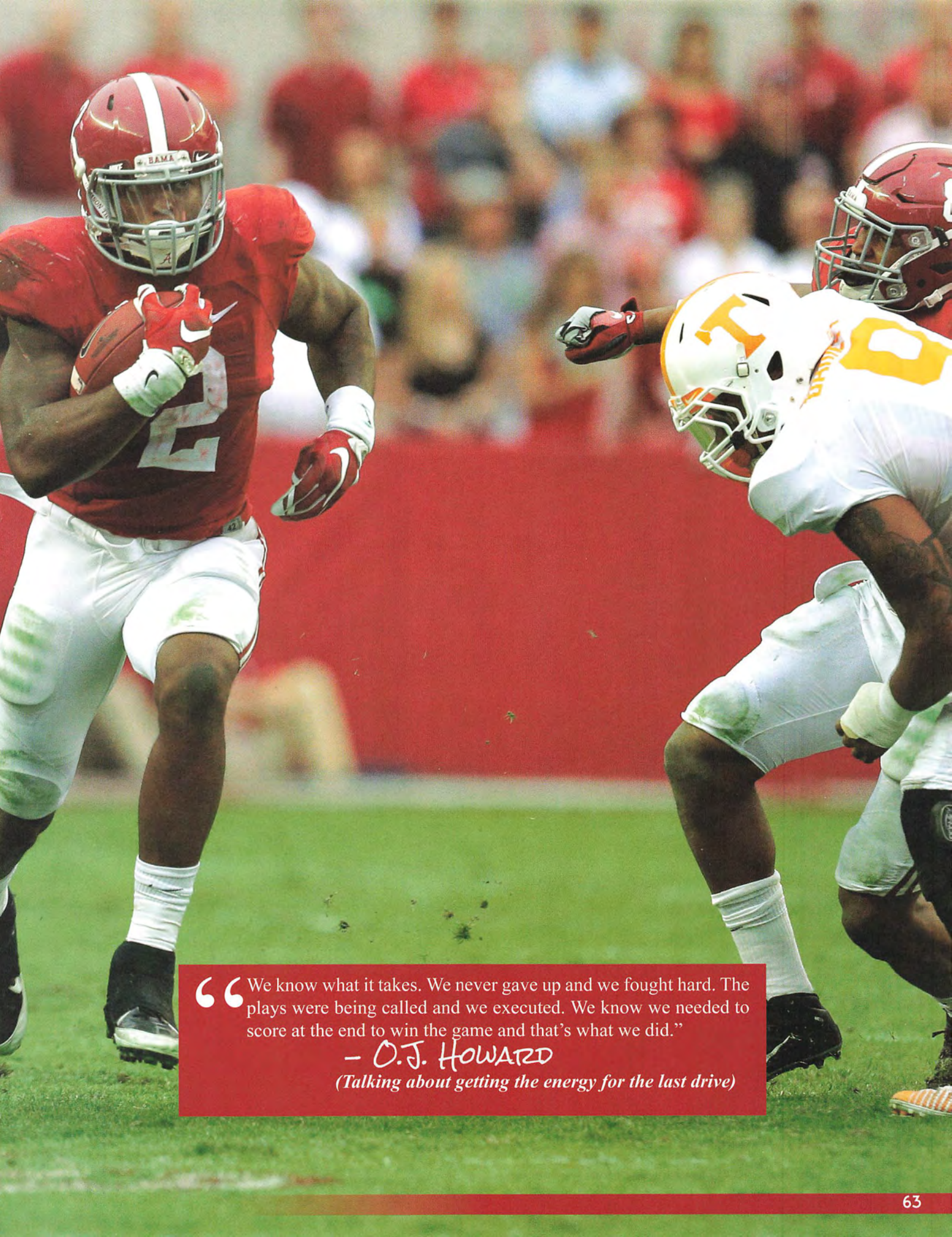
– Cyrus Jones

(Talking about how the win feels)



Champs Facts

- Alabama trailed in a game against Tennessee for the first time since 2011.
- Derrick Henry scored a rushing touchdown in his 13th straight game, which is just one behind Tim Tebow's SEC record.
- The Tide has now won nine straight games against Tennessee.
- Nick Saban improved his personal record to 11-1 against Tennessee.
- Linebacker Reuben Foster recorded 11 tackles in this game, which is a career-high.



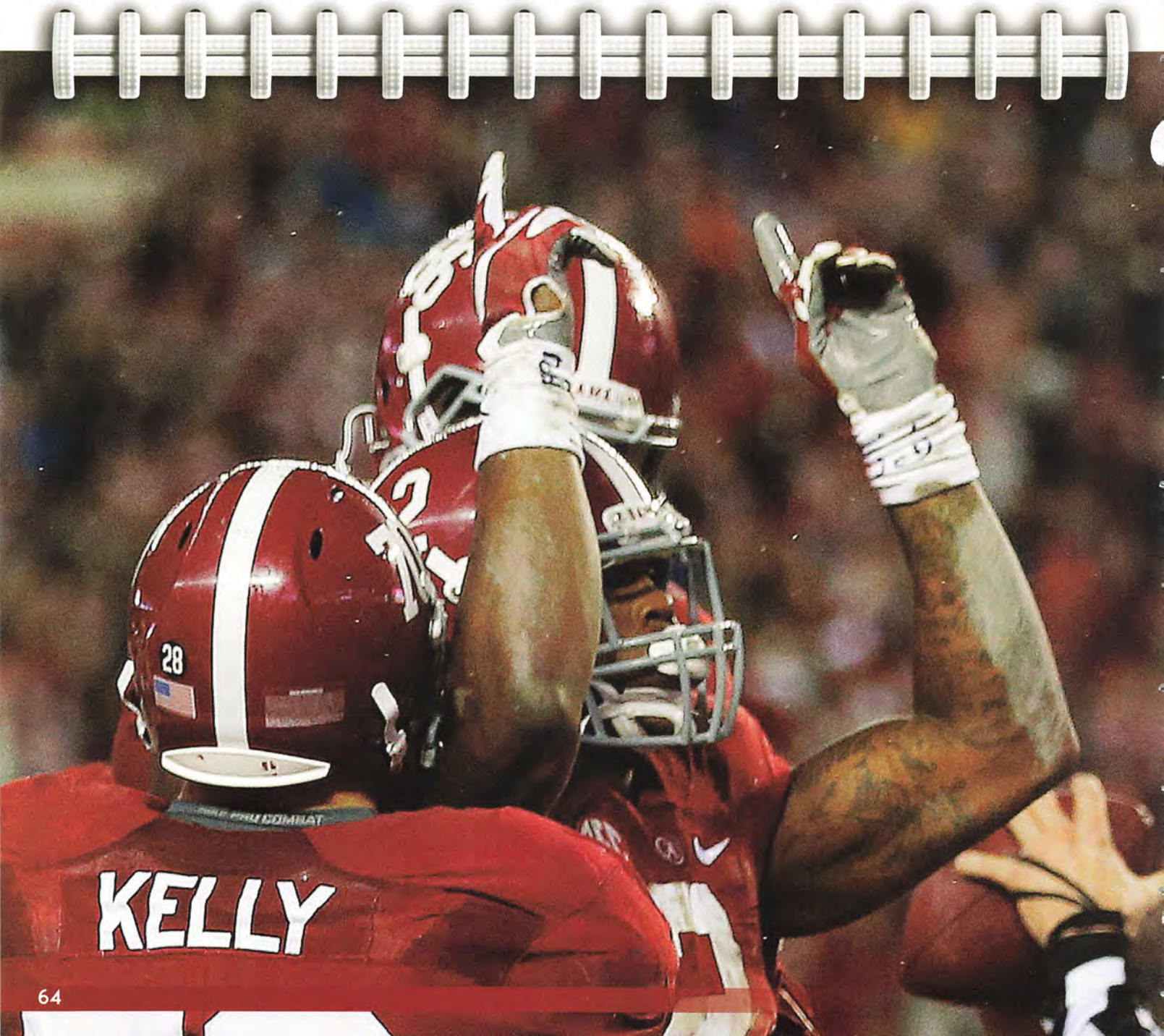
"We know what it takes. We never gave up and we fought hard. The plays were being called and we executed. We know we needed to score at the end to win the game and that's what we did."

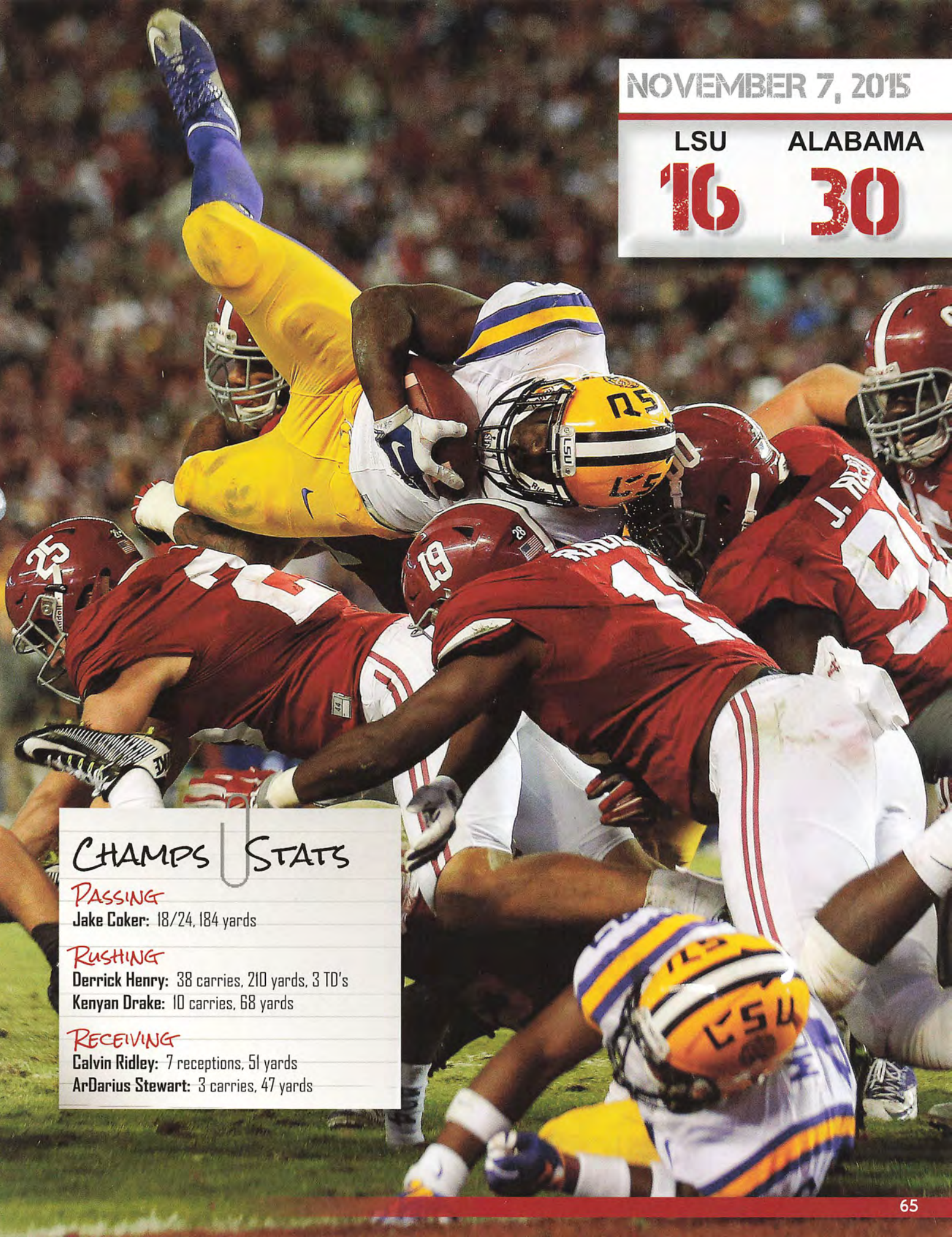
– O.J. Howard

(Talking about getting the energy for the last drive)

GAME 9 VS LSU

The Heisman favorite entered this game wearing an LSU uniform. By the end of the game, the prohibitive favorite to pick up the trophy in December was in a red Alabama jersey, as Derrick Henry put on a convincing show, rushing for 210 yards on 38 carries in the Tide's crushing 30-16 win over the Tigers. While Henry stole the show, just as much credit should go to the Alabama run defense, as yet again they showed they are the best in college football. The D held Leonard Fournette to just 31 yards on 19 carries. It was an incredible job of containing a dangerous back, especially when you realize Fournette's previous low was 154 yards. Henry's workhorse effort meant the Bama offense stayed on the field most of the second half, never allowing LSU a chance to stage a comeback. After this victory, it was impossible to deny the fact that Alabama was going to be in the semi finals of the College Football Playoffs as long as they continue to win. And as long as Henry and the defense is healthy and doing their thing, it was hard to imagine the Tide losing again.





NOVEMBER 7, 2015

LSU	ALABAMA
16	30

CHAMPS STATS

PASSING

Jake Coker: 18/24, 184 yards

RUSHING

Derrick Henry: 38 carries, 210 yards, 3 TD's
Kenyan Drake: 10 carries, 68 yards

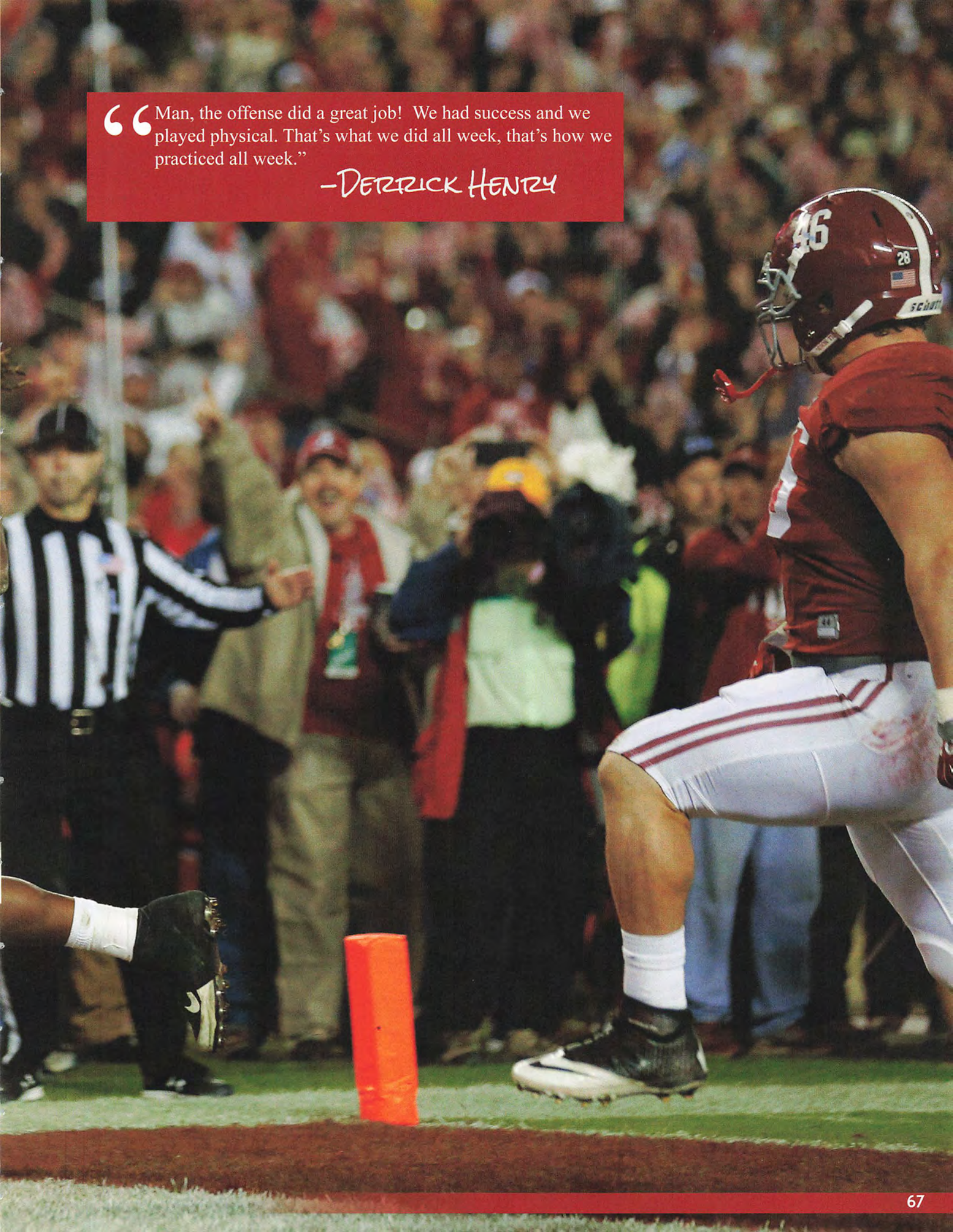
RECEIVING

Calvin Ridley: 7 receptions, 51 yards
ArDarius Stewart: 3 carries, 47 yards



Champs Facts

- Alabama was able to run out the final 9:18 of the game by simply handing the ball to Henry, who carried it 11 times for 78 yards on that clock-killing drive.
- The 38 carries for Henry are the third-most in Alabama history.
- Adam Griffith hit a 55-yard field goal which is the second-longest made field goal in Alabama history and longest since 1988.
- Before the game, the University of Alabama honored legendary player Kenny Stabler who passed away the previous July.
- Derrick Henry scored three touchdowns, the third time this season he has scored three TD's in a game.



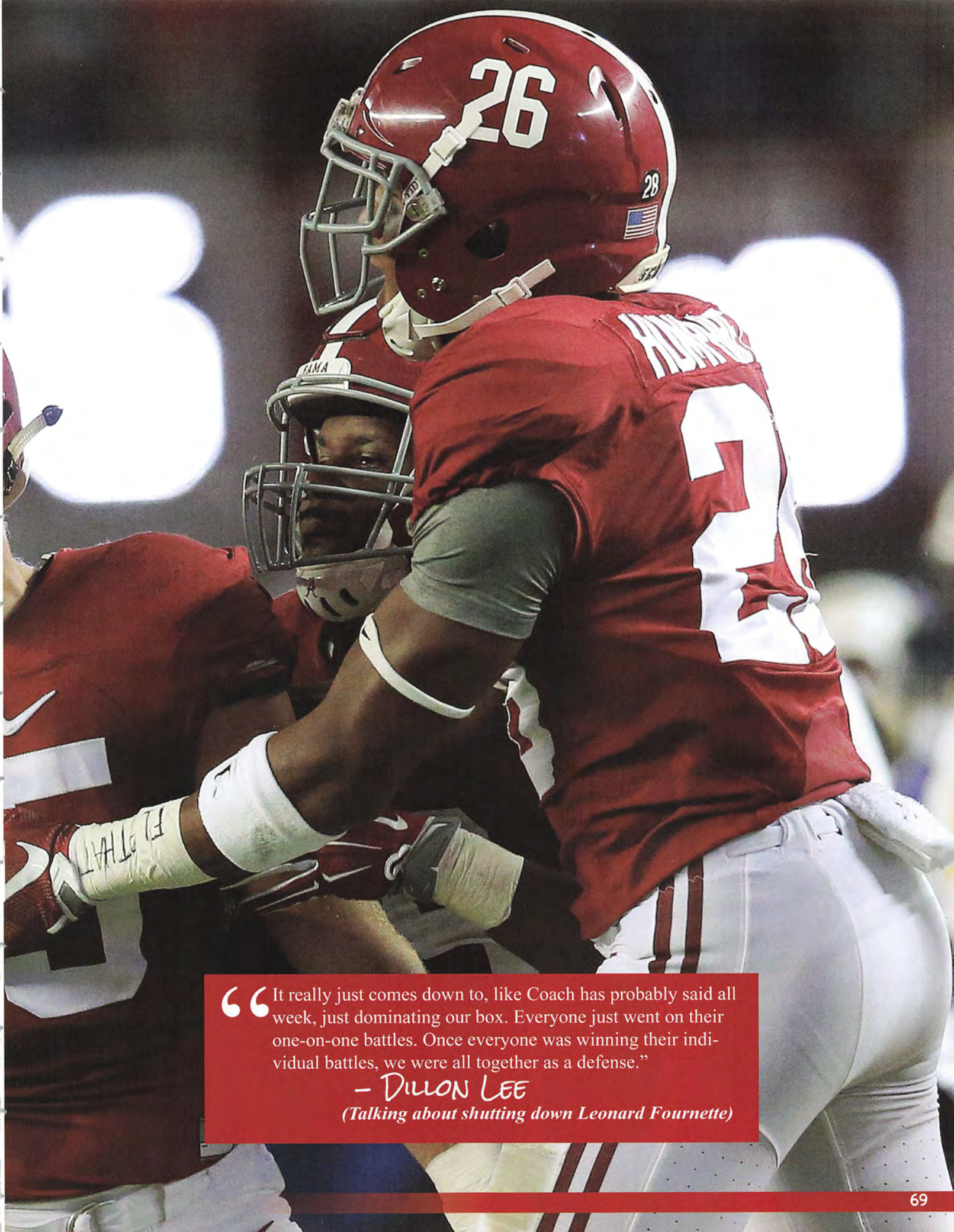
"Man, the offense did a great job! We had success and we played physical. That's what we did all week, that's how we practiced all week."

–Derrick Henry



Champs Facts

- LSU coach Les Miles continues to struggle against Alabama, losing for the seventh time despite having a nationally-ranked team each time.
- Derrick Henry is now seventh on the all-time Alabama list with 31 rushing touchdowns.
- Nick Saban improved to an incredible 114-19 in home games at the four schools he's coached.
- Derrick Henry scored a touchdown for the 14th straight game, which is the longest active streak in the country.
- The win over LSU improved Alabama's record against AP top-10 teams to 20-7 since the 2007 season.



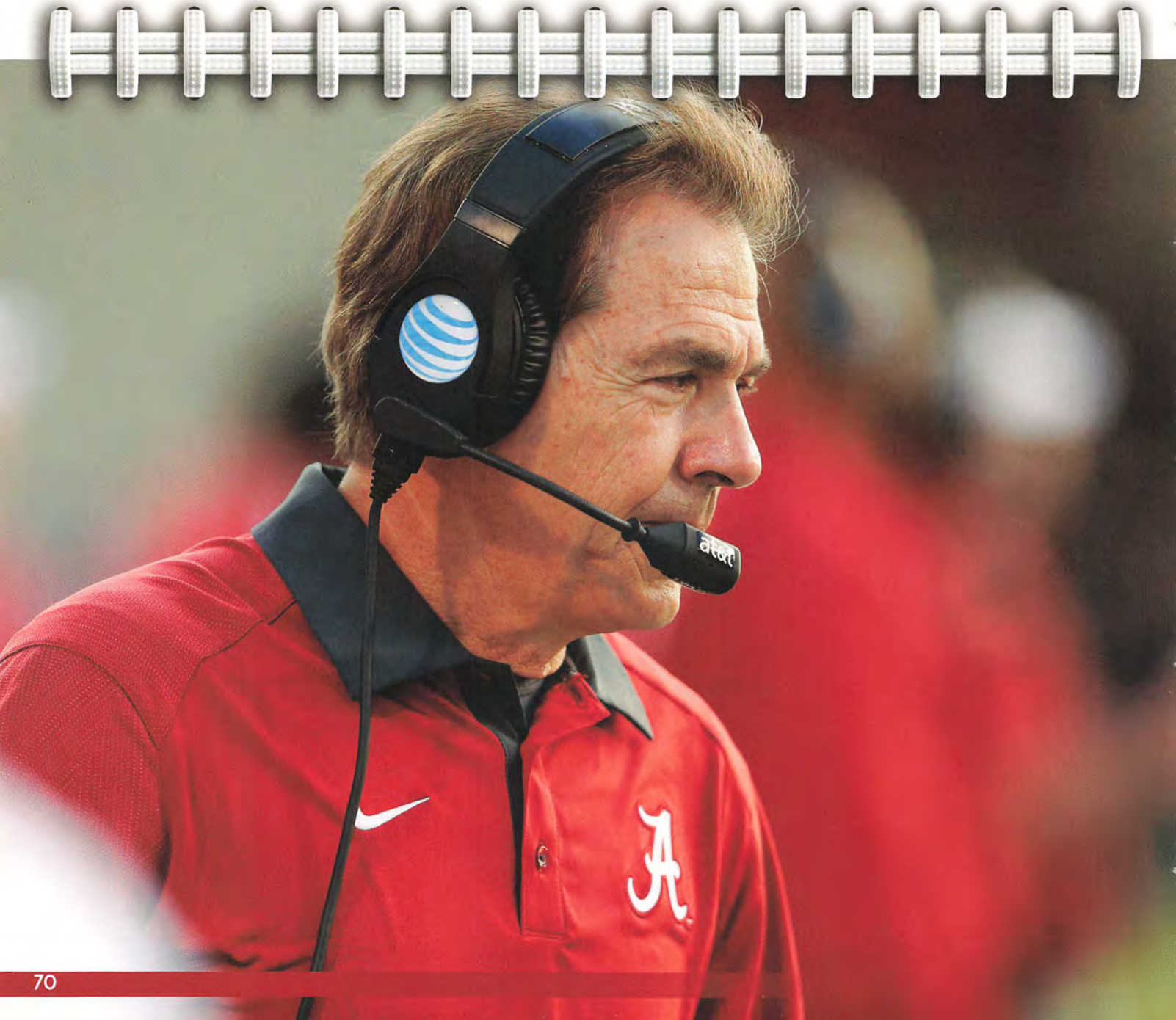
"It really just comes down to, like Coach has probably said all week, just dominating our box. Everyone just went on their one-on-one battles. Once everyone was winning their individual battles, we were all together as a defense."

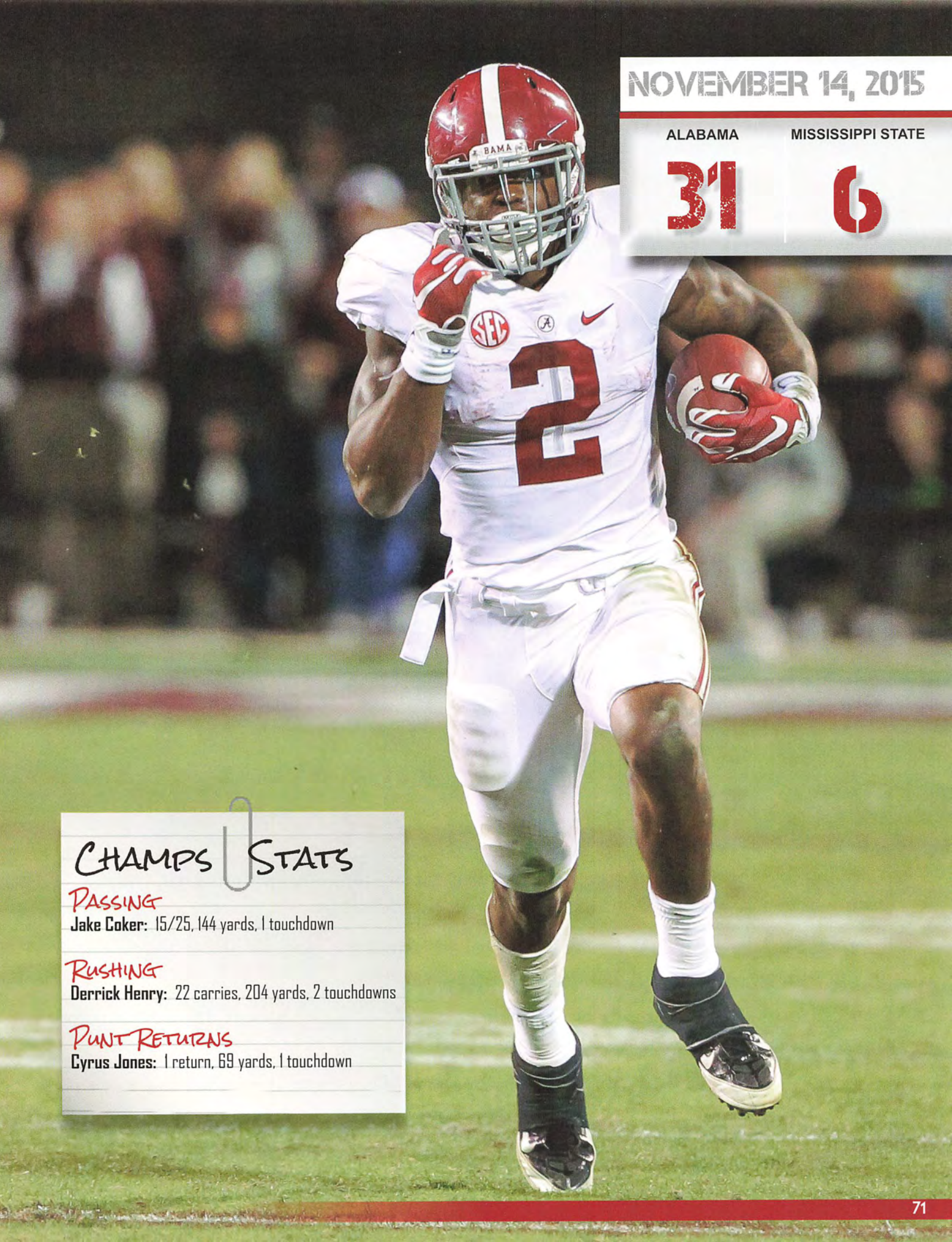
– Dillon Lee

(Talking about shutting down Leonard Fournette)

Game 10 vs Mississippi State

Alabama seems to be peaking at precisely the right time, which is not exactly good news for the rest of the SEC and college football. Derrick Henry continued to be all but unstoppable against Mississippi State, and the Crimson Tide defense decided to unleash a ferocious pass rush in this game as they recorded a season-high nine sacks in the 31-6 win. The Tide struggled on offense early, with just 40 yards in the first quarter, but Cyrus Jones had a 69-yard punt return for a touchdown that seemed to loosen everybody up. It was a night of big plays, as Jake Coker connected with Calvin Ridley on a 60-yard scoring play, and Henry had long touchdown runs of 74 and 65-yards. The Bulldogs have a great quarterback in Dak Prescott who threw for 300 yards, but he could never get his team in the end zone, and spent an awful lot of time dusting off his uniform and picking himself off the ground. One downside was the loss of Kenyan Drake, who broke his arm, but the Tide is deep, talented, hungry and on a roll with a tuneup with Charleston Southern coming up before the Iron Bowl.





NOVEMBER 14, 2015

ALABAMA	MISSISSIPPI STATE
31	6

Champs Stats

Passing
Jake Coker: 15/25, 144 yards, 1 touchdown

Rushing
Derrick Henry: 22 carries, 204 yards, 2 touchdowns

Punt Returns
Cyrus Jones: 1 return, 69 yards, 1 touchdown



Champs Facts

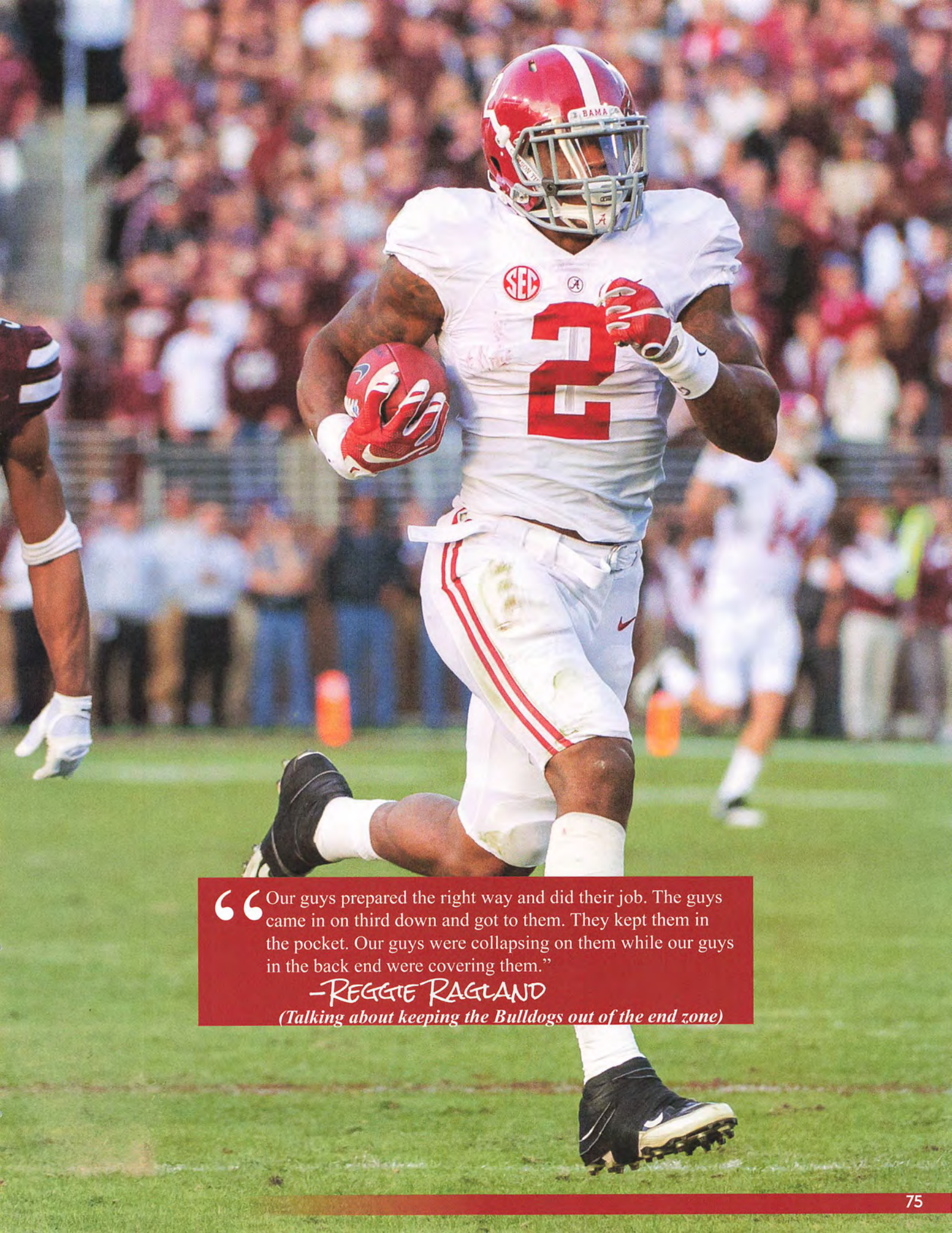
- Alabama has dominated the series with Mississippi State, and with this win they improved their overall record to 78-18-3 over the Bulldogs.
- Running back Kenyan Drake suffered a broken arm in this game making a tackle on a kick return, and will be out approximately three weeks.
- Derrick Henry has scored a rushing touchdown in 15-straight games, the longest streak by an SEC player in the last 20 seasons.
- Mississippi State had won four-straight games heading into this one but the loss to Alabama wiped out their chances to win the SEC West.
- Jonathan Allen had three sacks, A'Shawn Robinson had 2.5 and Ryan Anderson added two.


"It was kind of weird game. Every touchdown was a big play."
– Nick Saban
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62
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Champs Facts

- The Alabama defense bent in this game, giving up 254 yards before halftime and almost 400 total yards, but they did not let the Bulldogs into the end zone.
- Derrick Henry joins Bobby Humphrey as the only players in Alabama history with three 200-yard rushing games in a single season.
- The nine sacks in the game by the Alabama defense is the most in a game for the Tide since 1998.
- Derrick Henry now has 19 rushing touchdowns on the season, which ties Shaun Alexander and just two behind all-time leader Trent Richardson.
- Calvin Riley has four touchdown catches on the seasons, three of them having gone for 45 yards or more.



"Our guys prepared the right way and did their job. The guys came in on third down and got to them. They kept them in the pocket. Our guys were collapsing on them while our guys in the back end were covering them."

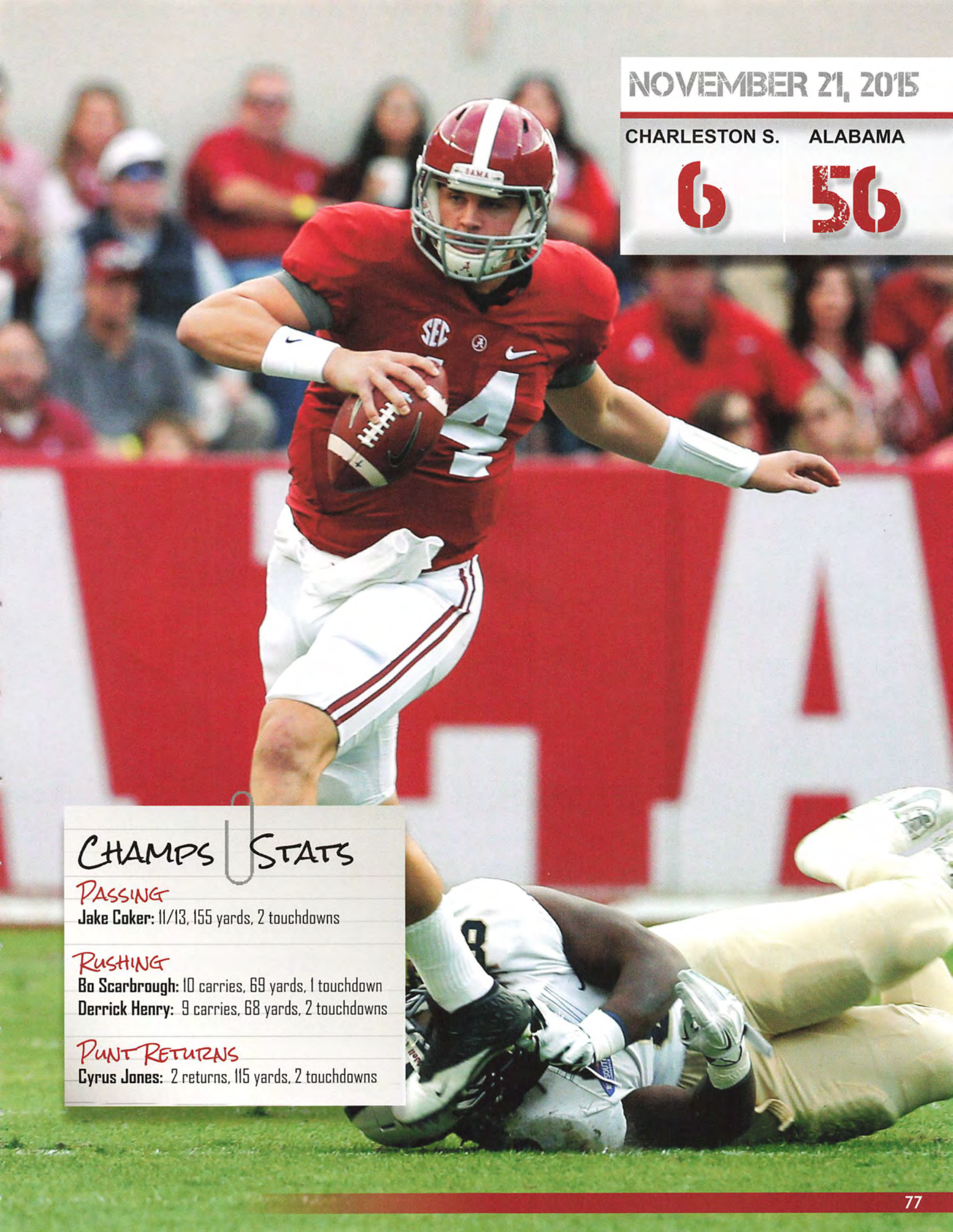
–Reggie Ragland

(Talking about keeping the Bulldogs out of the end zone)

Game 11 vs Charleston Southern

The Alabama football team has a lot of weapons, one of them being punt returner Cyrus Jones. On a fun afternoon at Bryant-Denny Stadium, on Senior Day in the final home game of the year for the Crimson Tide, Jones returned two punt returns for touchdowns and helped the Tide roll to a 56-6 win over Charleston Southern. This was a game that Nick Saban was worried about, or at least he acted that way during a mid-week press conference rant where he publicly warned his team about the possibilities of this being a trap game before the Iron Bowl. Charleston Southern is a good FCS team, heading to the playoffs, but this Alabama team has its sights on being legendary, and they know that to be remembered that way they can never take their foot off the gas, and the scoreboard told the story as Alabama jumped out to a 49-0 lead by halftime. The Buccaneers came in riding an eight-game winning streak, but they sat their starting quarterback so they could be healthy going into their playoffs. It was an easy win, a perfect tuneup for the Iron Bowl the next week.





NOVEMBER 21, 2015

CHARLESTON S.	ALABAMA
6	56

Champs Stats

Passing
Jake Coker: 11/13, 155 yards, 2 touchdowns

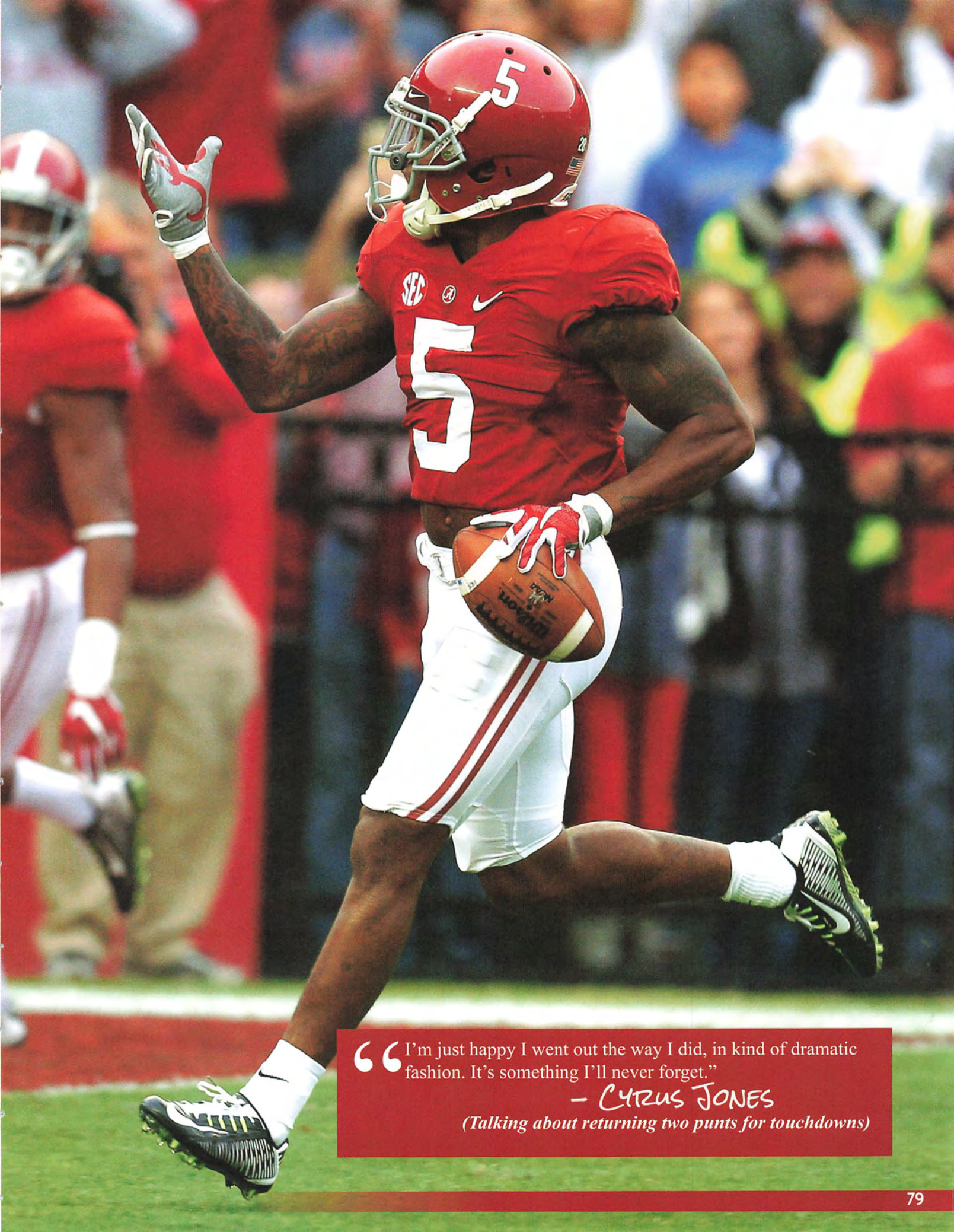
Rushing
Bo Scarbrough: 10 carries, 69 yards, 1 touchdown
Derrick Henry: 9 carries, 68 yards, 2 touchdowns

Punt Returns
Cyrus Jones: 2 returns, 115 yards, 2 touchdowns



Champs Facts

- Alabama did not punt the entire game.
- This was the first time a Nick Saban coached team scored 49 points in the first half of a game.
- Cyrus Jones had two punt returns for touchdowns, the first player in Alabama history to do that.
- Derrick Henry scored two more touchdowns, and tied Trent Richardson's single-season record of 21.
- Alabama out-gained Charleston Southern 403 yards to 134.



"I'm just happy I went out the way I did, in kind of dramatic fashion. It's something I'll never forget."

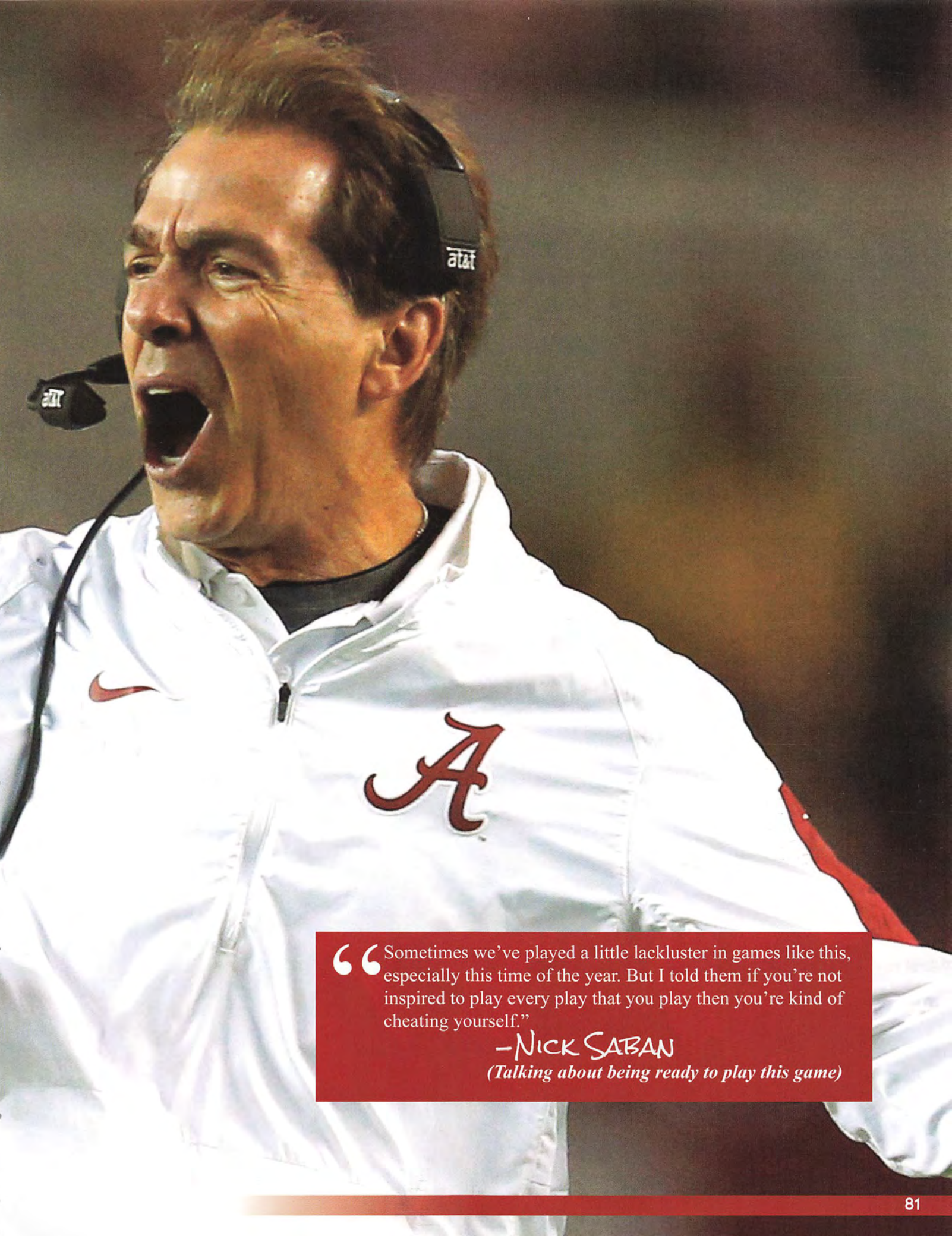
– Cyrus Jones

(Talking about returning two punts for touchdowns)



Champs Facts

- Cyrus Jones is the first player in Alabama history to return a punt for a touchdown in back to back games.
- It was Senior Day, and the 2015 Alabama senior class improved their record to 46-6 over the last four seasons.
- The senior class honored on this day would eventually end their careers with three SEC Championships and two National Championships.
- Nick Saban-coached teams have now held opponents to 10 points or fewer 56 times since 2007.
- Derrick Henry passed the 1,500 yard rushing mark in this game. The only two Alabama running backs to have 1,500 yard seasons were Mark Ingram and Trent Richardson.



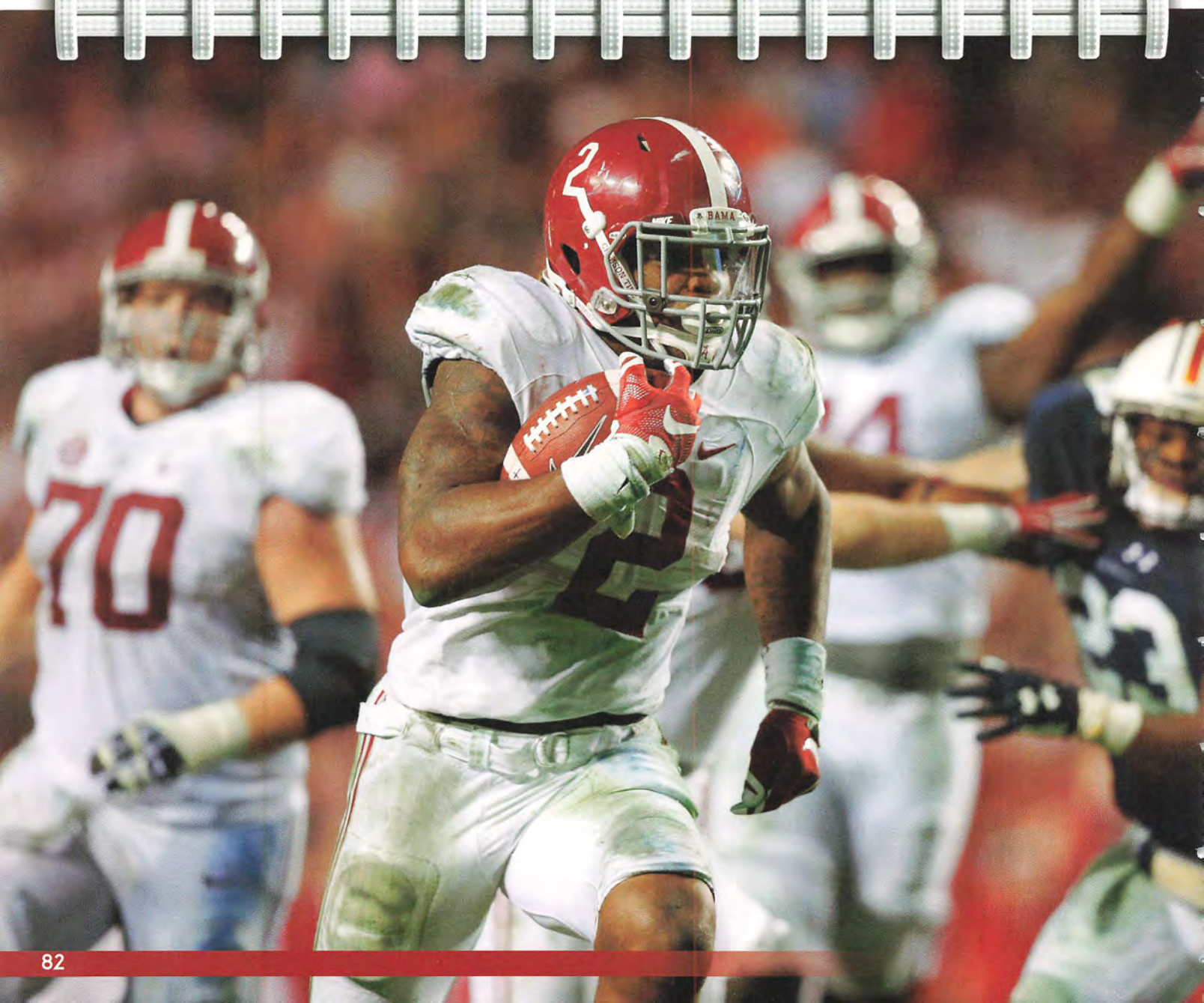
"Sometimes we've played a little lackluster in games like this, especially this time of the year. But I told them if you're not inspired to play every play that you play then you're kind of cheating yourself."

–Nick Saban

(Talking about being ready to play this game)

Game 12 vs Auburn

This was the day that Alabama not only beat Auburn in the Iron Bowl, but Derrick Henry essentially put his name on the Heisman Trophy. The star running back who is as humble as he is unstoppable, carried the ball 46 times for 271 yards, and the Tide rolled out of Auburn with a 29-13 win. What an incredible turn of events for Adam Griffith, who two years ago missed the last-second field goal that turned into the unforgettable Kick Six, but on this night he drilled five field goals. This is the Iron Bowl, so it would not be easy, and the Tigers stayed close into the fourth quarter, but this Crimson Tide team is on a mission, and with this win the Tide will roll into Atlanta next week to face Florida in the SEC Championship game. At stake will be an invitation into the playoffs, and a chance to end the season where not many people thought the Tide would be. On top of the football world. There's no question this season will go down as one of the best and most memorable ever for Alabama. As much as the Tide enjoyed beating their rival, yet again, there were bigger fish to fry in the coming weeks.





NOVEMBER 28, 2015

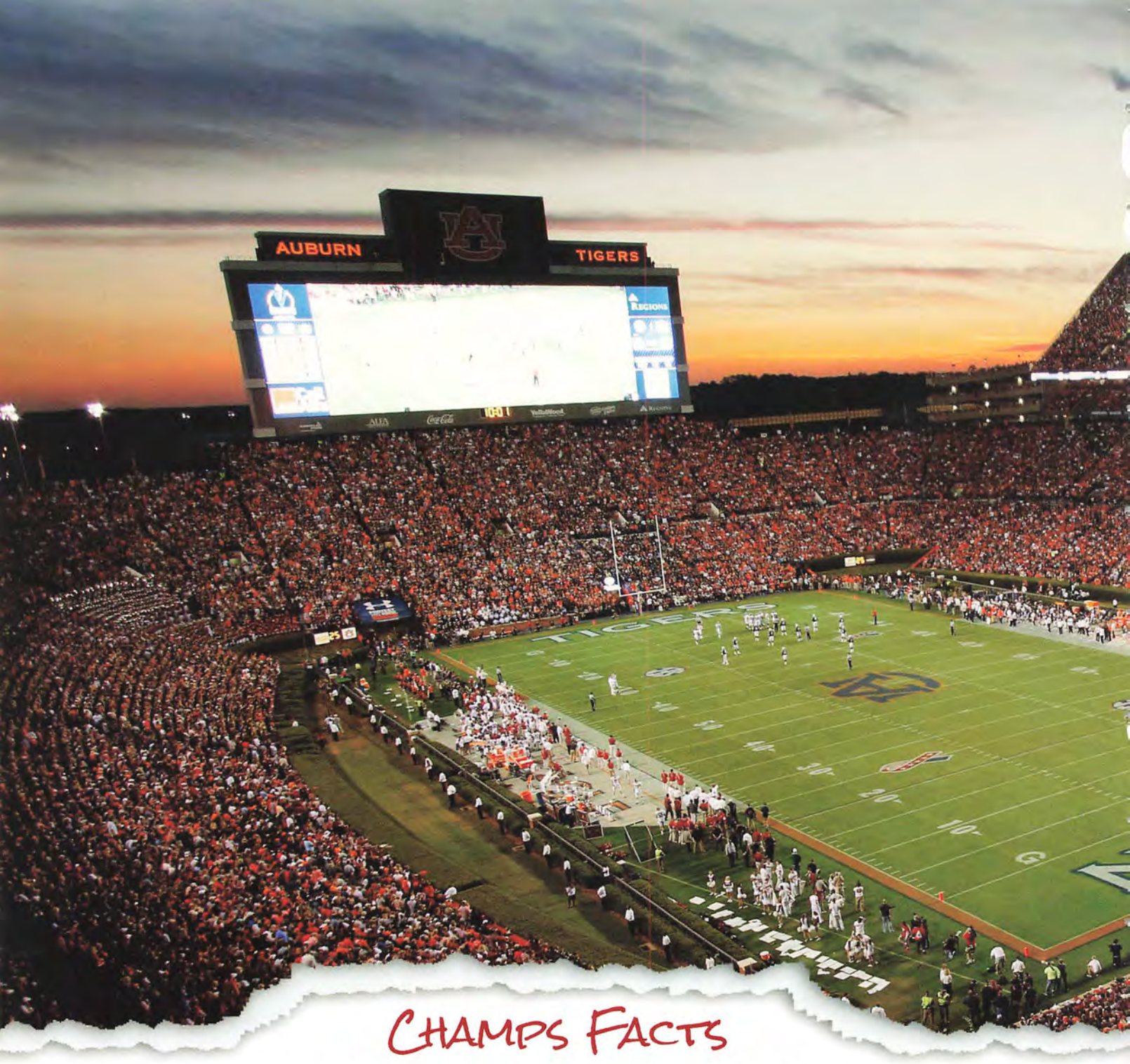
ALABAMA	AUBURN
29	13

Champs Stats

Passing
Jake Coker: 17/26, 179 yards, 1 touchdown

Rushing
Derrick Henry: 46 carries, 271 yards, 1 touchdown

Receiving
Calvin Ridley: 6 receptions, 90 yards
ArDarius Stewart: 8 receptions, 81 yards, 1 touchdown



Champs Facts

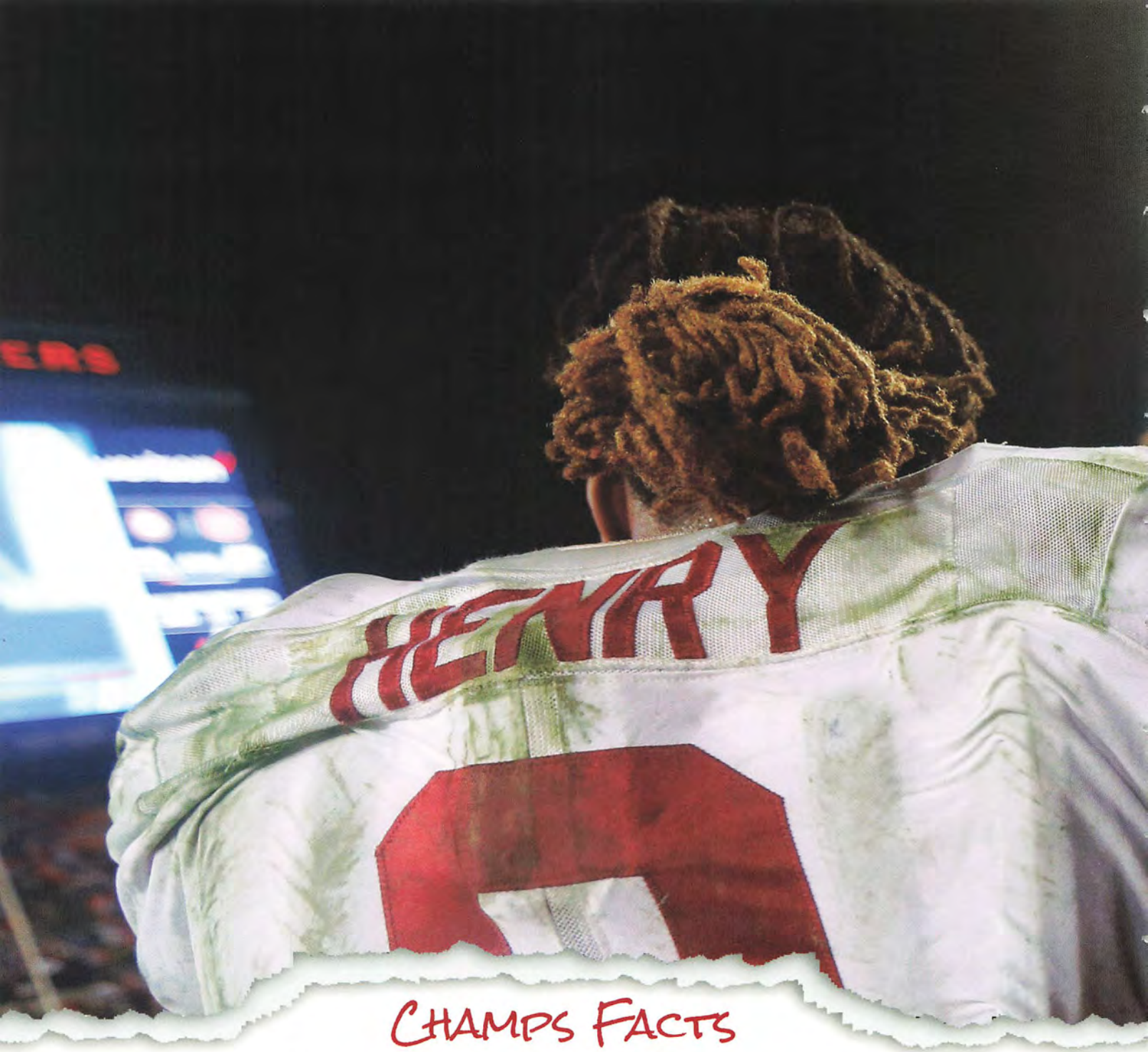
- Adam Griffith connected on five field goals, on the same field that two years ago his missed FG attempt against Auburn turned into the legendary Kick Six.
- Derrick Henry had 46 carries, an Alabama school record.
- The only player to ever carry the ball more times in a single SEC game than Henry was Herschel Walker for Georgia.
- Derrick Henry had 19 carries in the fourth quarter including 14 consecutive plays.
- Derrick Henry went over 200 yards rushing for the fourth time against an SEC defense in this game, and also broke Trent Richardson's single-season rushing record.



"Amazing. It was indescribable. I can't explain it. It's something I've always looked forward to, dreamed of and to be able to do it. It's awesome."

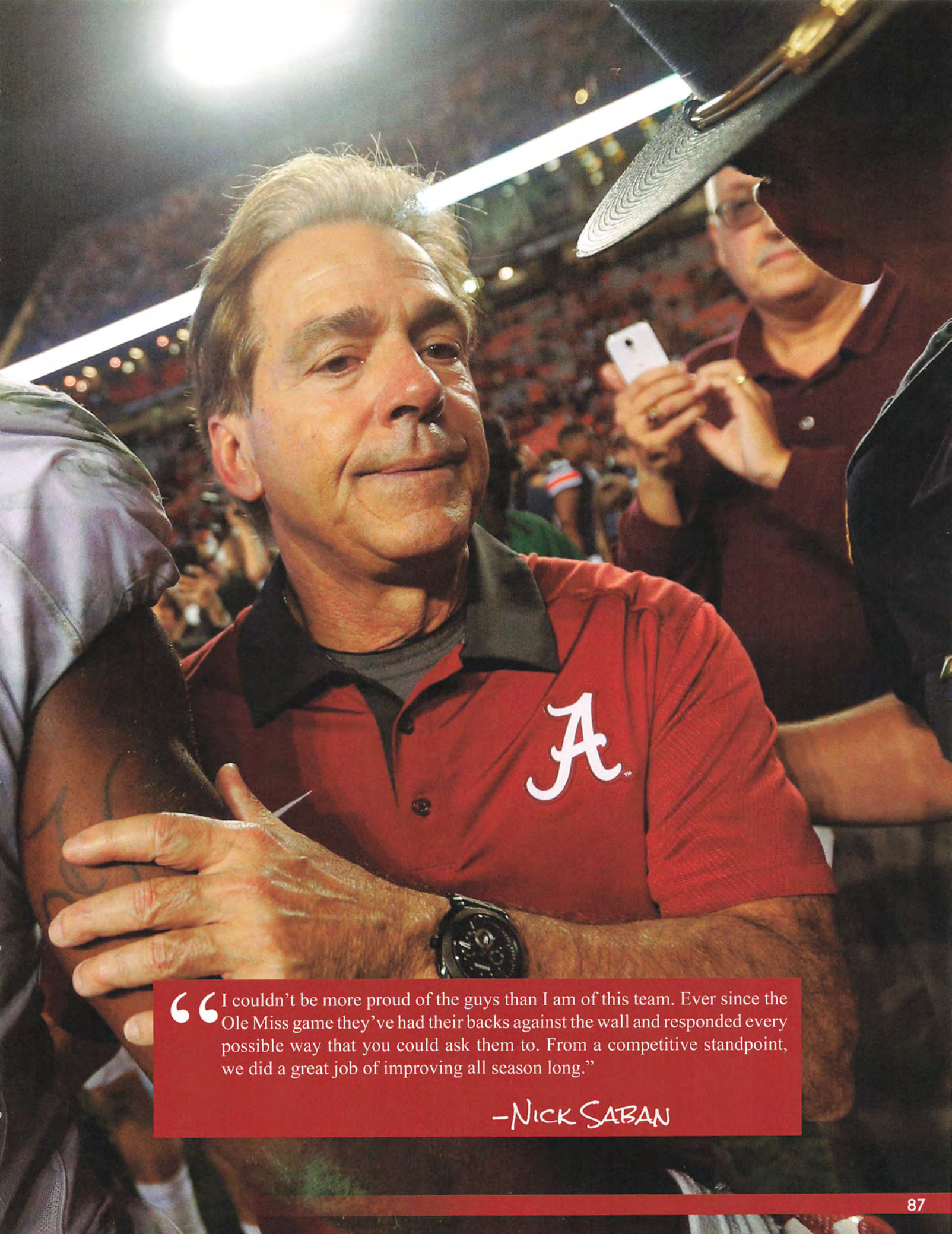
– Jake Coker

(Talking about playing in the Iron Bowl)



Champs Facts

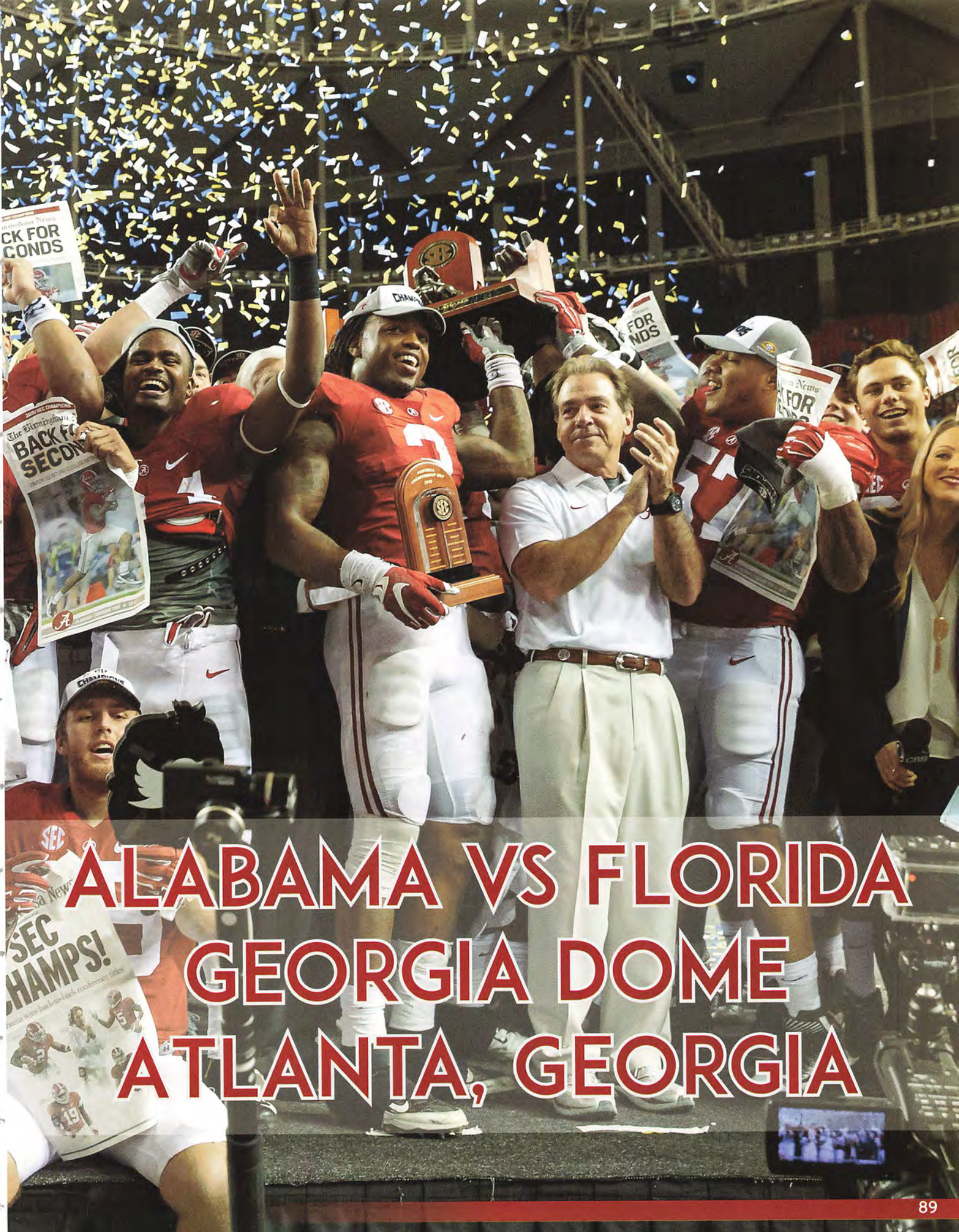
- The Tide will play Florida in the SEC Championship Game at the Georgia Dome, and will try to earn their second-straight berth in the playoffs.
- Derrick Henry joins Herschel Walker and Bo Jackson as the only running backs in SEC history with four 200 yard rushing games in a single season.
- Jake Coker has completed 72 percent of his passes over his past eight games.
- After missing his first four field goal attempts of the season, Adam Griffith has now made 19 of his last 22 attempts.
- The Alabama defense has recorded 41 sacks, the most ever by a Nick Saban-coached team.



"I couldn't be more proud of the guys than I am of this team. Ever since the Ole Miss game they've had their backs against the wall and responded every possible way that you could ask them to. From a competitive standpoint, we did a great job of improving all season long."

–Nick Saban


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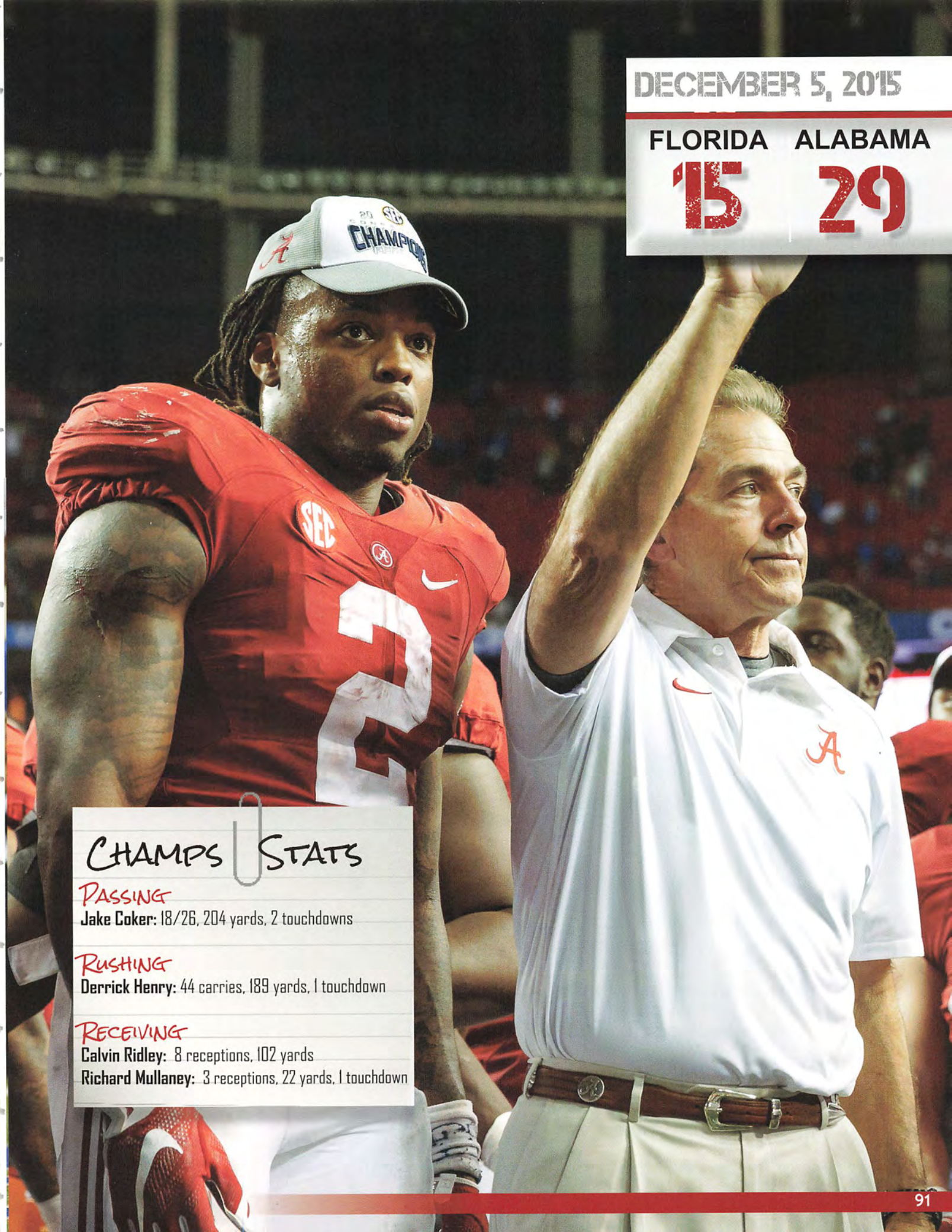


ALABAMA VS FLORIDA
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ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Alabama vs Florida

The Crimson Tide entered the express lane into the College Football Playoff on this day, as they cruised past Florida 29-15 in the SEC Championship Game at the Georgia Dome. In the process, Alabama became the first team since Tennessee in 1998 to win back-to-back SEC titles, showcasing just how hard it is to win the title in such a tough conference. The script in this game was familiar, Jake Coker handed the football off to Derrick Henry, a lot, and the defense made life miserable for the opposing offense. Henry came into the game as the Heisman favorite, and his stock did nothing but go up after carrying the rock 44 times for 189 yards. What a warrior. In the age of hurry up offenses that throw the ball all over the field, the Tide simply line up and destroy the will of their opponent with incredible talent and precision. Alabama had one small stumble on the season, losing to Ole Miss, outside of that they have been absolutely dominant, and this win was their 10th in a row. As satisfying as the season had been so far, there was still so much more to accomplish. College football was down to their final four. And it was pretty clear which team is going to be the most feared.





DECEMBER 5, 2015

FLORIDA	ALABAMA
15	29

Champs Stats

Passing
Jake Coker: 18/26, 204 yards, 2 touchdowns

Rushing
Derrick Henry: 44 carries, 189 yards, 1 touchdown

Receiving
Calvin Ridley: 8 receptions, 102 yards
Richard Mullaney: 3 receptions, 22 yards, 1 touchdown

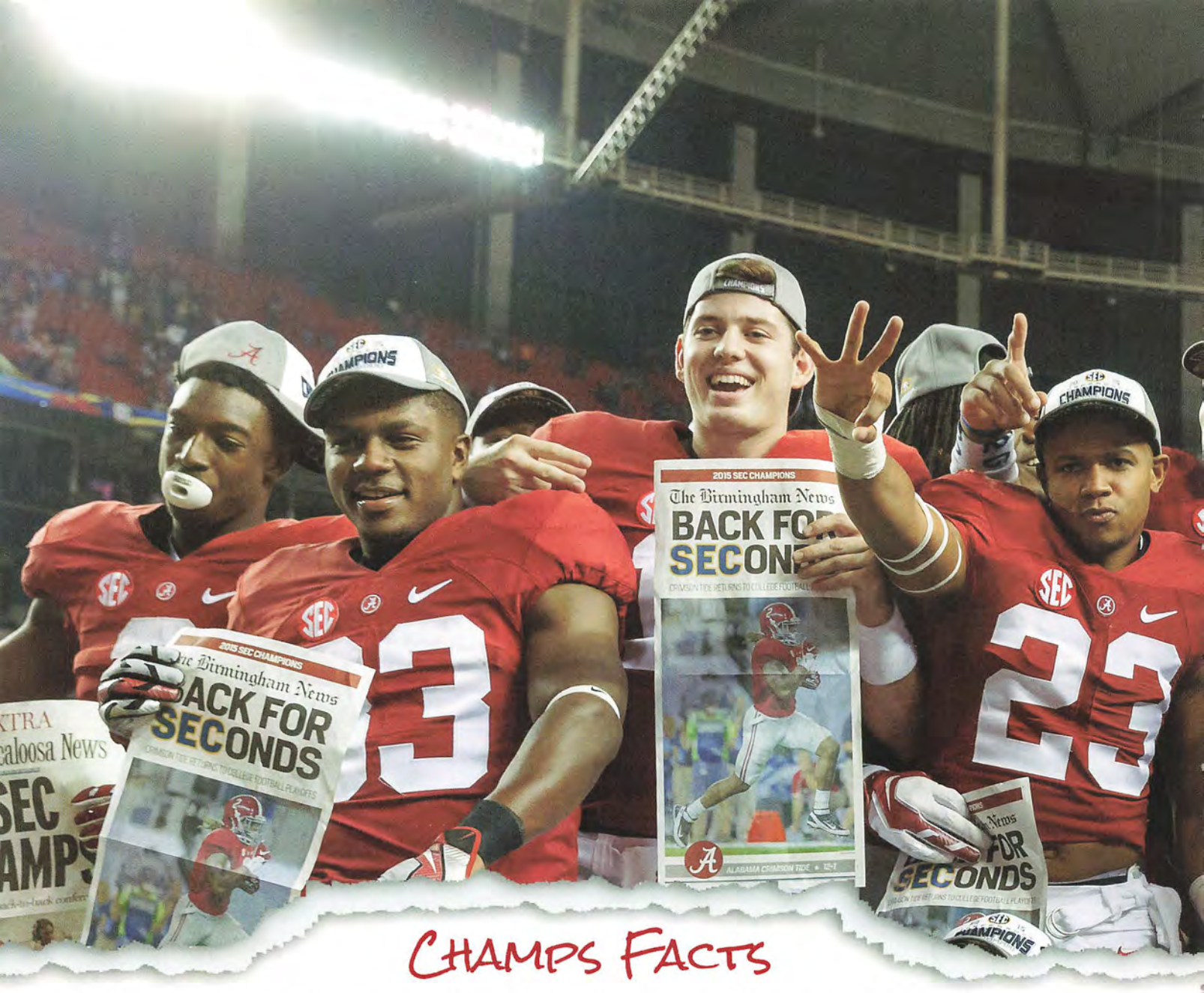


Champs Facts

- Derrick Henry had 44 or more carries each of the past two weeks, becoming the only player in SEC history to do that.
- The Alabama defense did not allow a single third-down conversion the entire game.
- Derrick Henry has averaged over 208 rushing yards in his last six games.
- The Crimson Tide has now registered six wins against teams ranked in the AP Poll, the most in all of college football.
- In a stat that exemplifies the dominance of the Alabama defense, the Tide held Florida to 2 yards or less in both the 2nd and 3rd quarters of this game.



"My main focus is on finishing and helping the team win. I'm going to do whatever it takes to help this team win."
– Derrick Henry



Champs Facts

- With this win over the Gators, Nick Saban has won his last seven championship games (SEC and National Championship).
- Alabama is now 10-2 in domed stadiums since 2009, and 11-4 inside domes under Nick Saban.
- This is the 25th SEC Championship the Crimson Tide have won in football, which is the most in conference history.
- Derrick Henry set the all-time single-season SEC rushing record. He finished with 1,986 yards, which is five more than Herschel Walker in 1981.
- The 23 touchdowns on the season for Derrick Henry ties Tim Tebow's single-season record.
- Derrick Henry averaged 181 yards per game against the seven ranked teams Alabama faced in 2015.

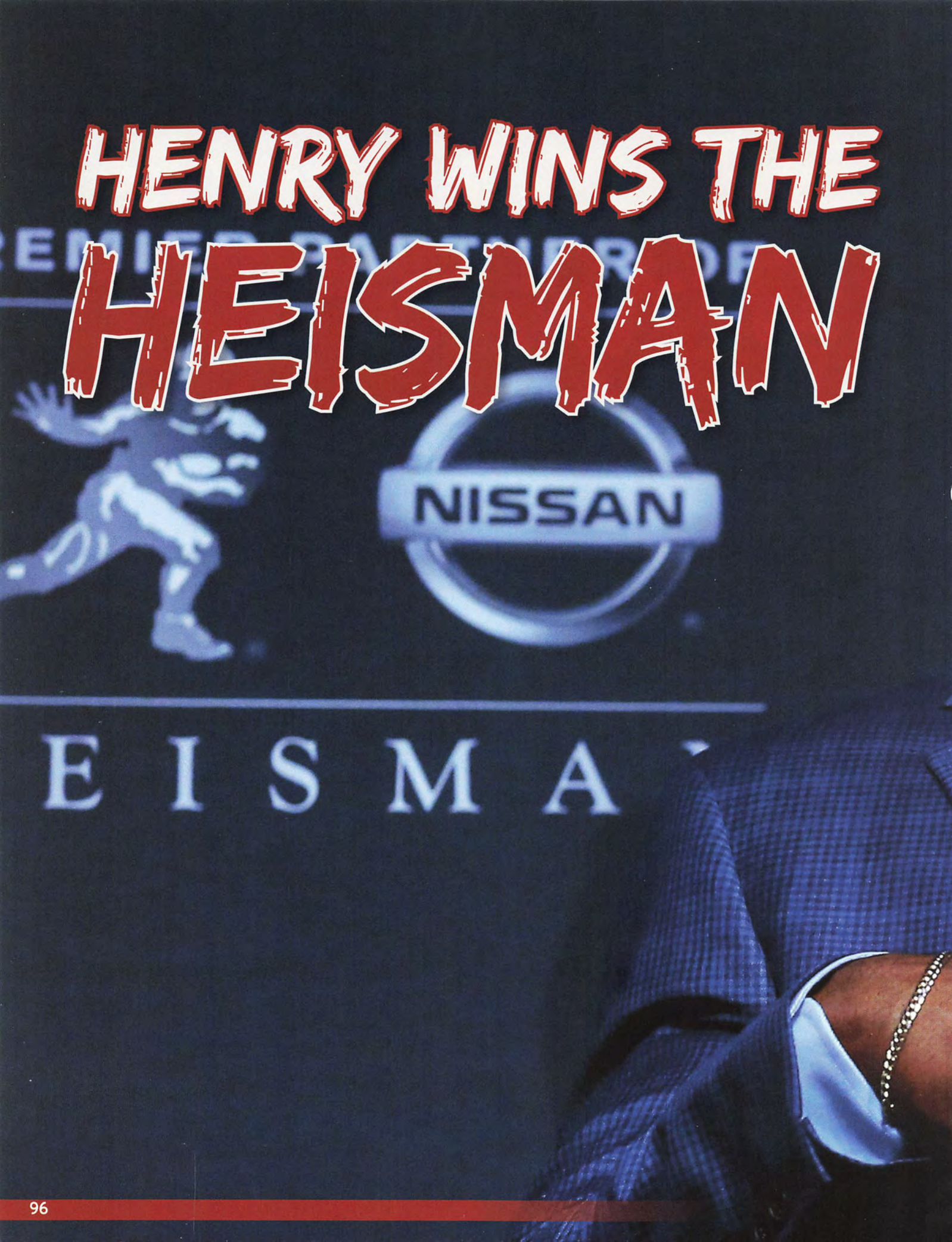


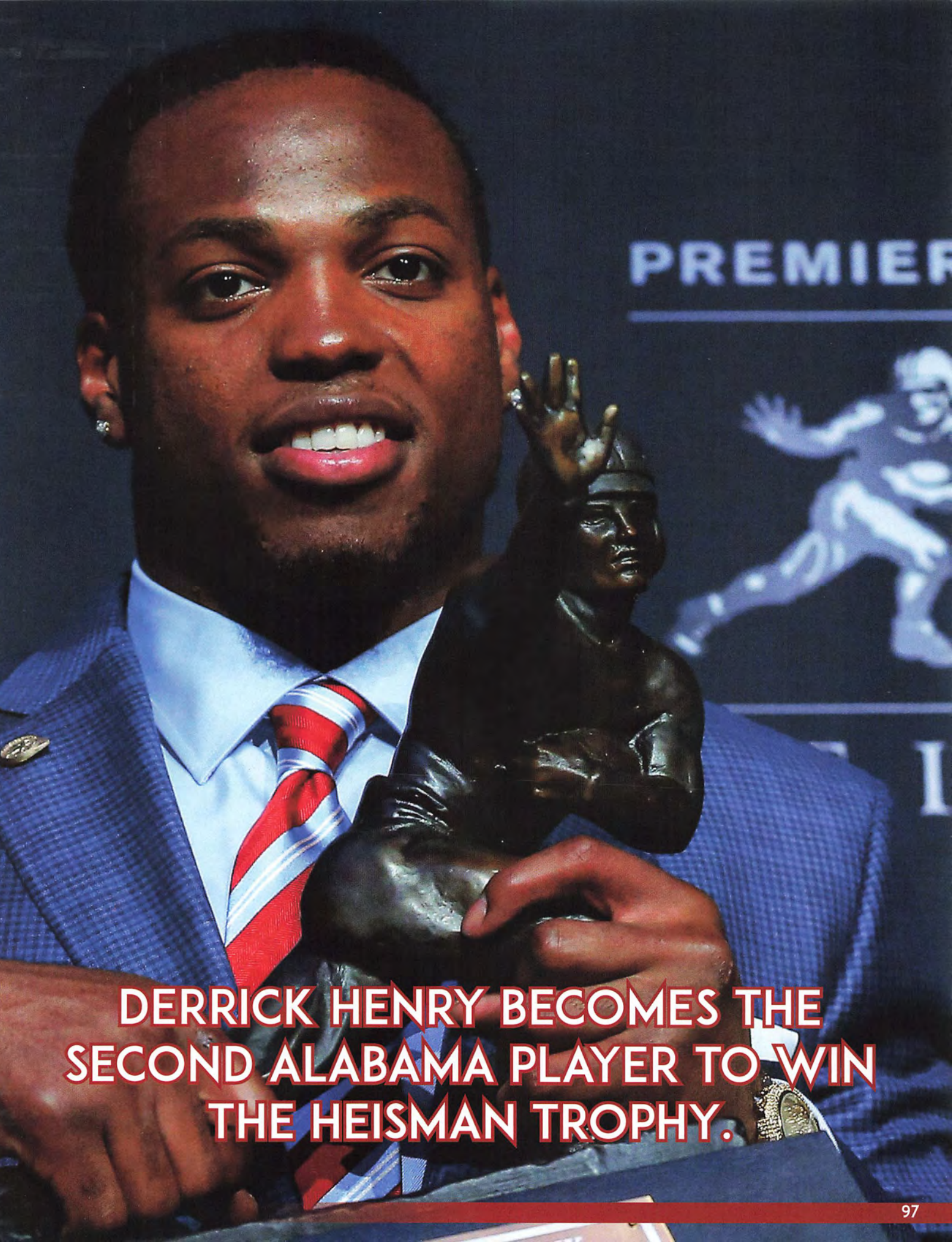
"I don't think anybody's surprised. We know what type of performance we can go out there and put on each time we step out on the field."

– Cyrus Jones

(Talking about the dominance of this Alabama team)

HENRY WINS THE HEISMAN





DERRICK HENRY BECOMES THE SECOND ALABAMA PLAYER TO WIN THE HEISMAN TROPHY.

At times, Derrick Henry carried the Alabama offense on his back during the 2015 season. He was an absolute workhouse, always dependable, and at times spectacular. His record-setting season culminated with Henry being named the winner of the 81st Heisman Trophy, just the second Alabama player to ever receive the most distinguished honor in college football. Henry personified what a Heisman winner should be. He always put team first, but in the process he became a star, an SEC legend on par with greats like Bo Jackson and Herschel Walker. His numbers on the season were actually better than those icons, and what attracted Henry to fans all over the country was his humble and gracious nature. Growing up in Florida, Henry dreamed some day of winning the award, but never in his wildest dreams did the Yulee, Florida native comprehend he would have had such a dominant season, for a national championship team to boot. Quiet and reserved by nature, Henry would be hesitant to speak too much after games during the season, but he was oh so eloquent and inspiring as he addressed the millions of people watching the Heisman broadcast after he won the 70-pound trophy. For the 2015 season, Derrick Henry let his play on the field do the talking for him; and what a bold and historic statement he made!

Champs Stats

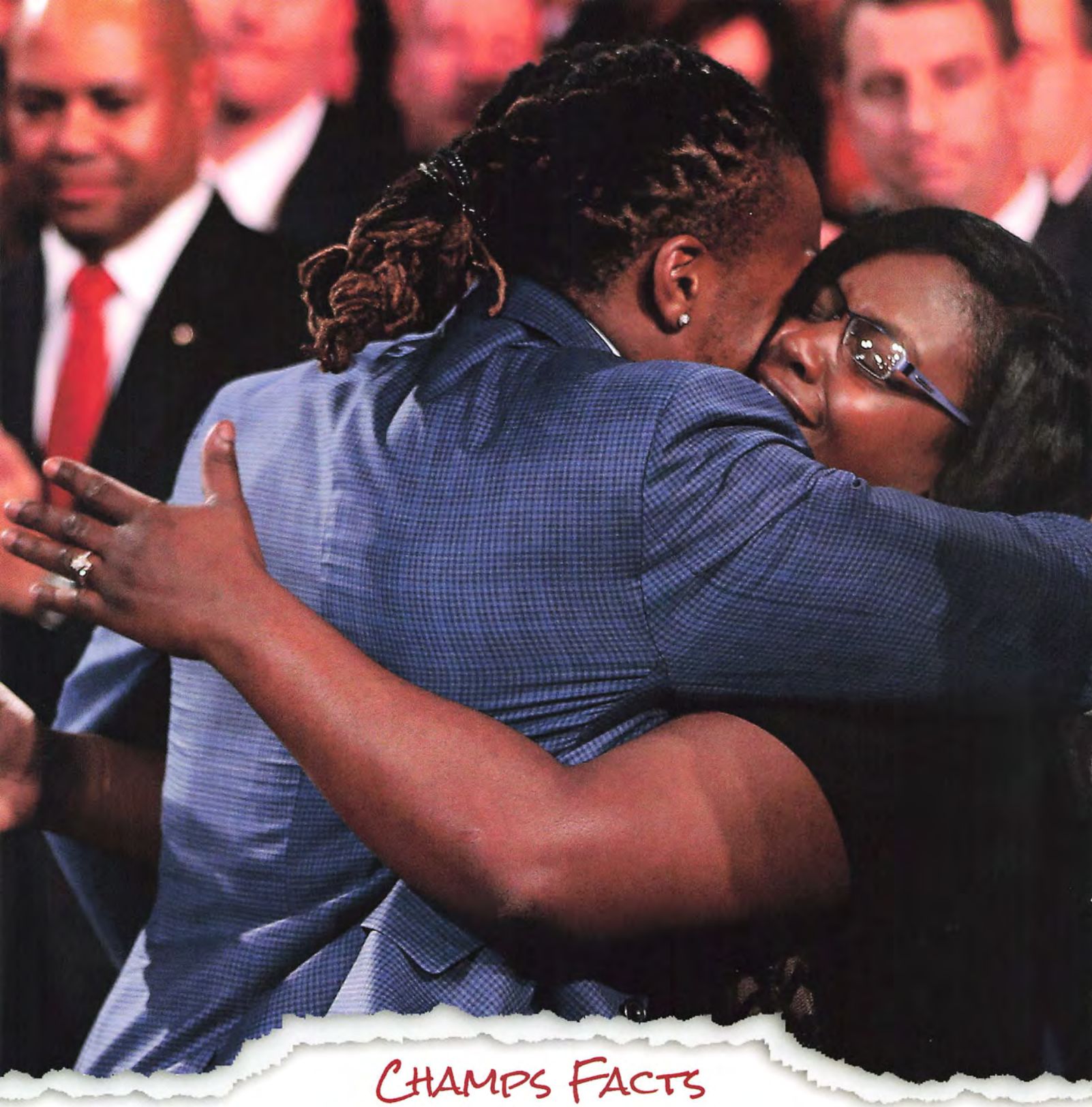
Derrick Henry's 2015 Season

Rushing

359 carries
2061 yards
25 touchdowns
5.7 yards per carry




SEC
2



Champs Facts

- In seven games against AP top-25 teams, Derrick Henry averaged over 180 yards per game with 13 touchdowns.
- Derrick Henry tied the all-time Alabama with nine 100-yard rushing games this season.
- Five times during the season Derrick Henry was the SEC Player of the Week.
- Derrick Henry ranks third on the Alabama record all-time career rushing list, and is fourth in touchdowns.



"You got God on your side, anything is possible. I had dreams and aspirations to win this trophy one day. I didn't think it would happen. To have this trophy is a blessing and an honor. It's just everything. God is so good, man. My teammates and my coaches, I can't thank them enough."

– Derrick Henry



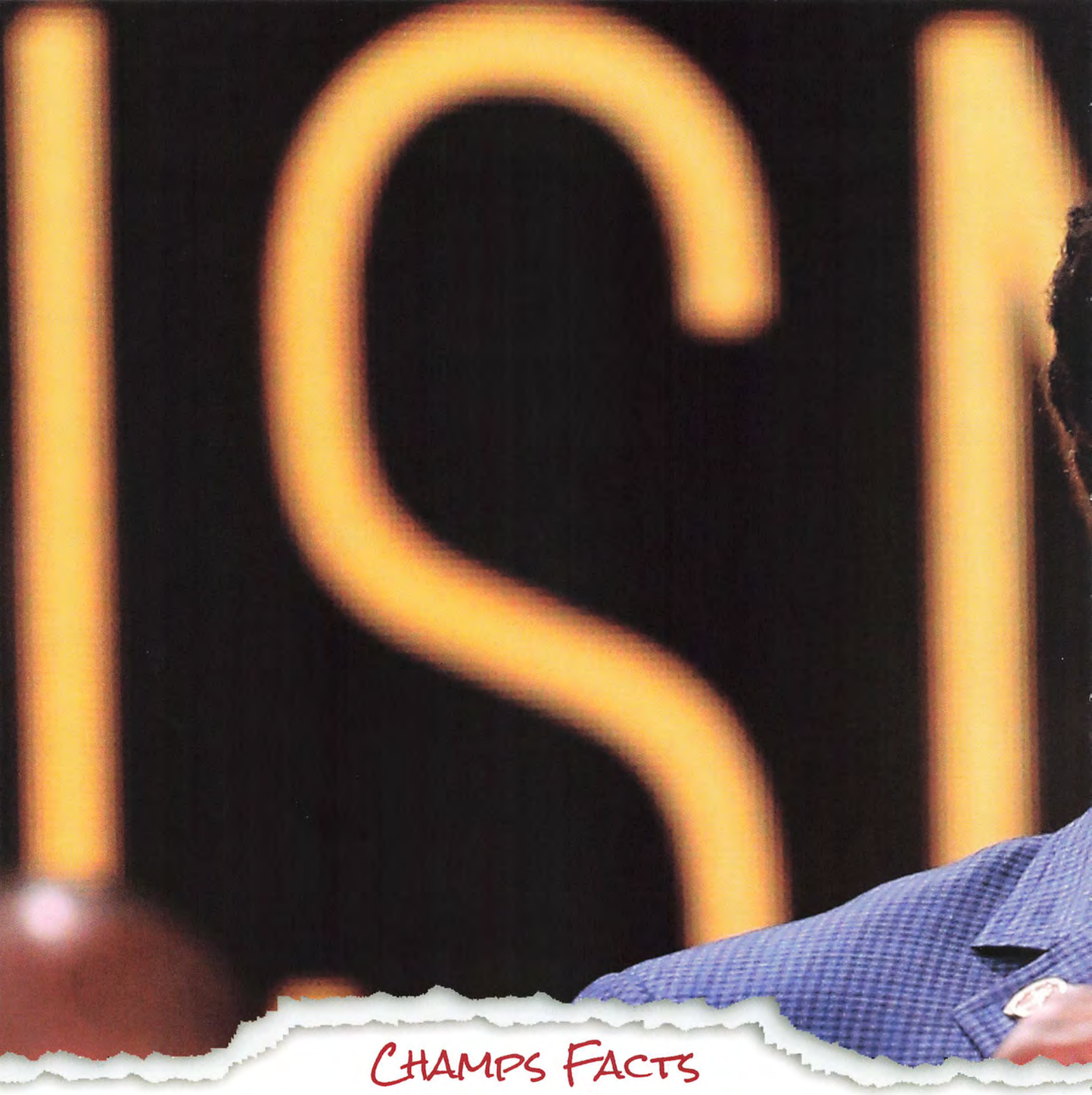
Champs Facts

- Derrick Henry choked up during his acceptance speech, thanking his family, coaches, and teammates at Alabama.
- The 1,986 rushing yards for Derrick Henry shattered the SEC single-season record held since 1981 by Herschel Walker.
- Despite the storied history of the Alabama program, Derrick Henry becomes just the second Tide player to win the Heisman Trophy.
- Derrick Henry had four 200-yard rushing games in 2015, tying the all-time SEC record held by Bo Jackson and Herschel Walker.



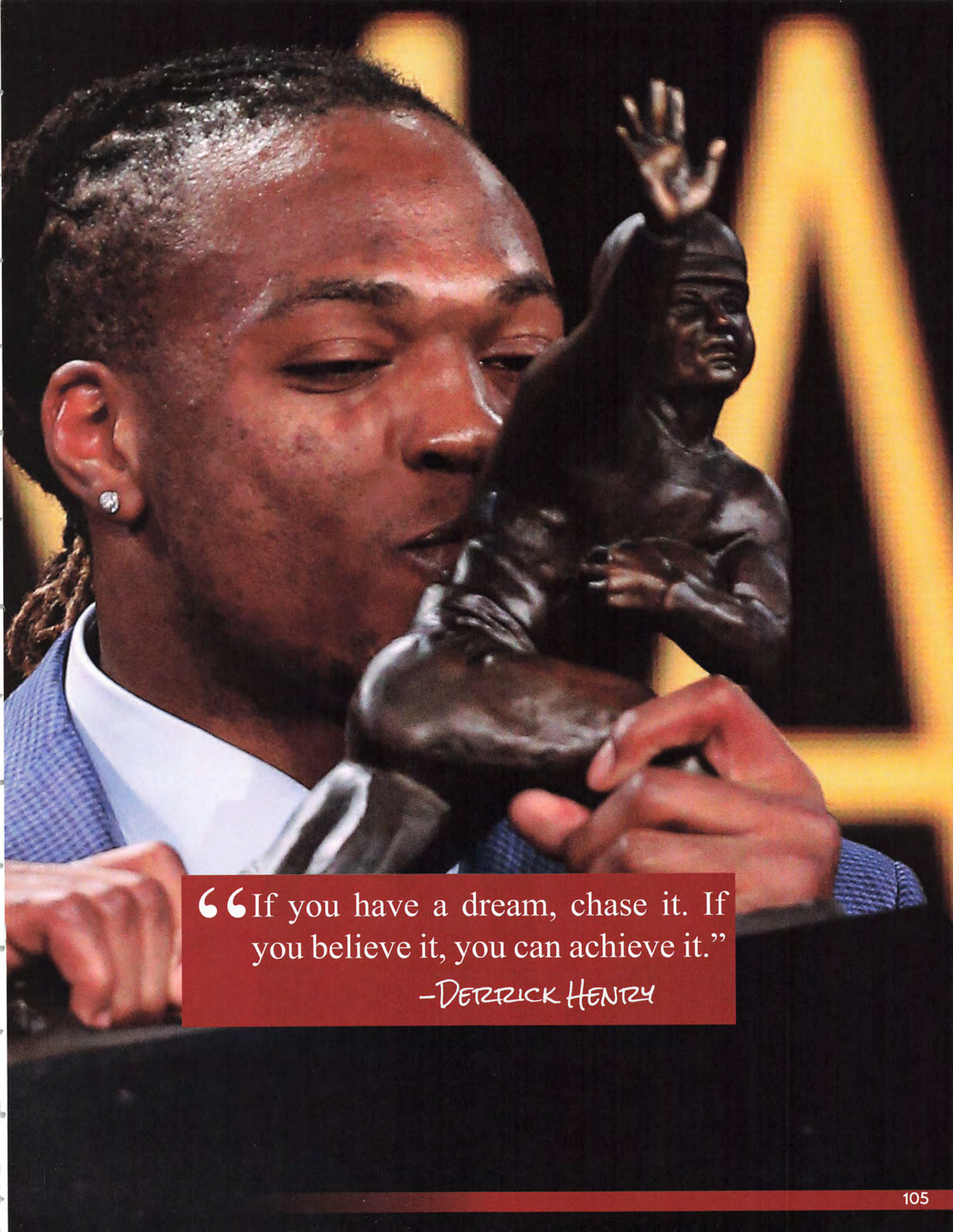
"I know that our entire organization is really happy, happy, happy for Derrick Henry tonight, winning the Heisman Trophy."

– Nick Saban

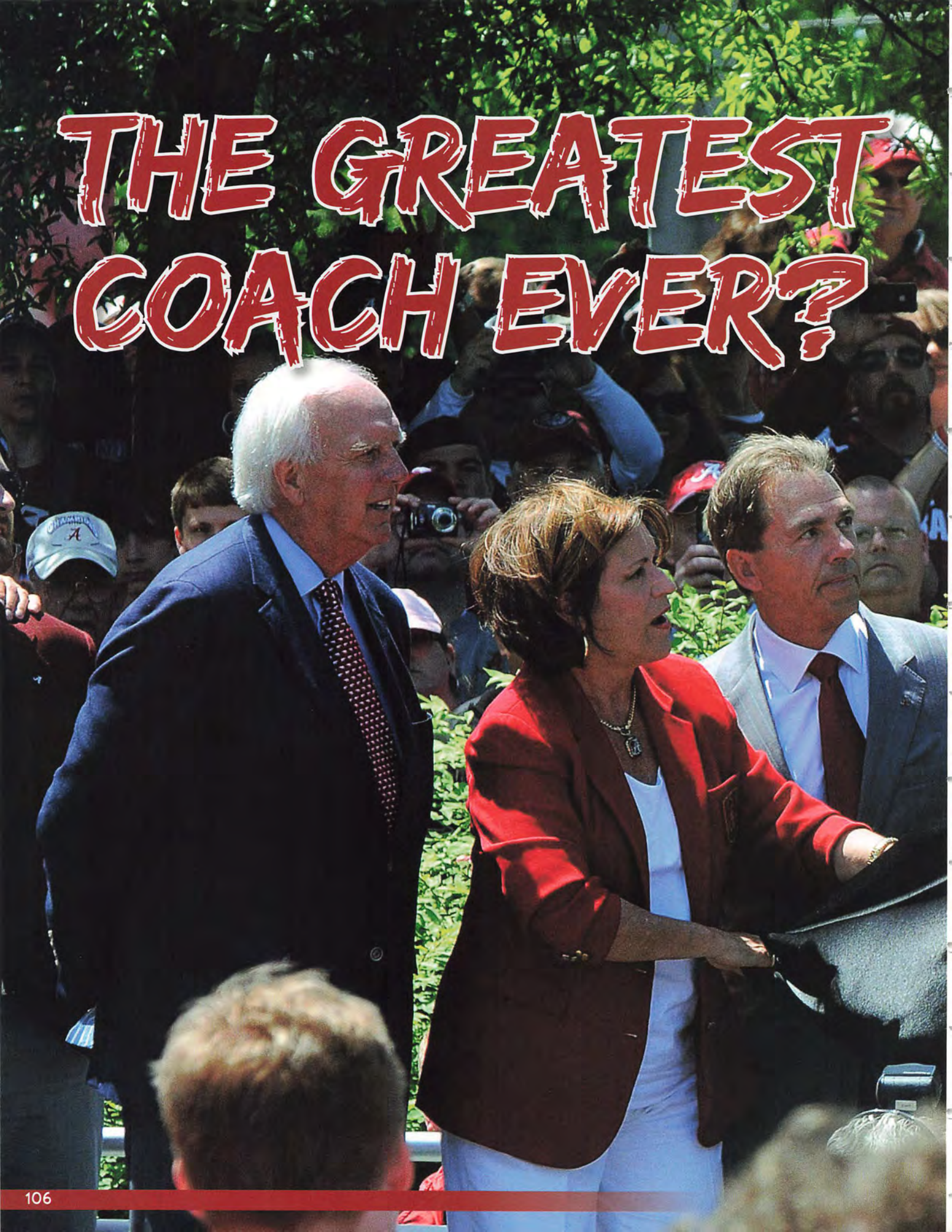


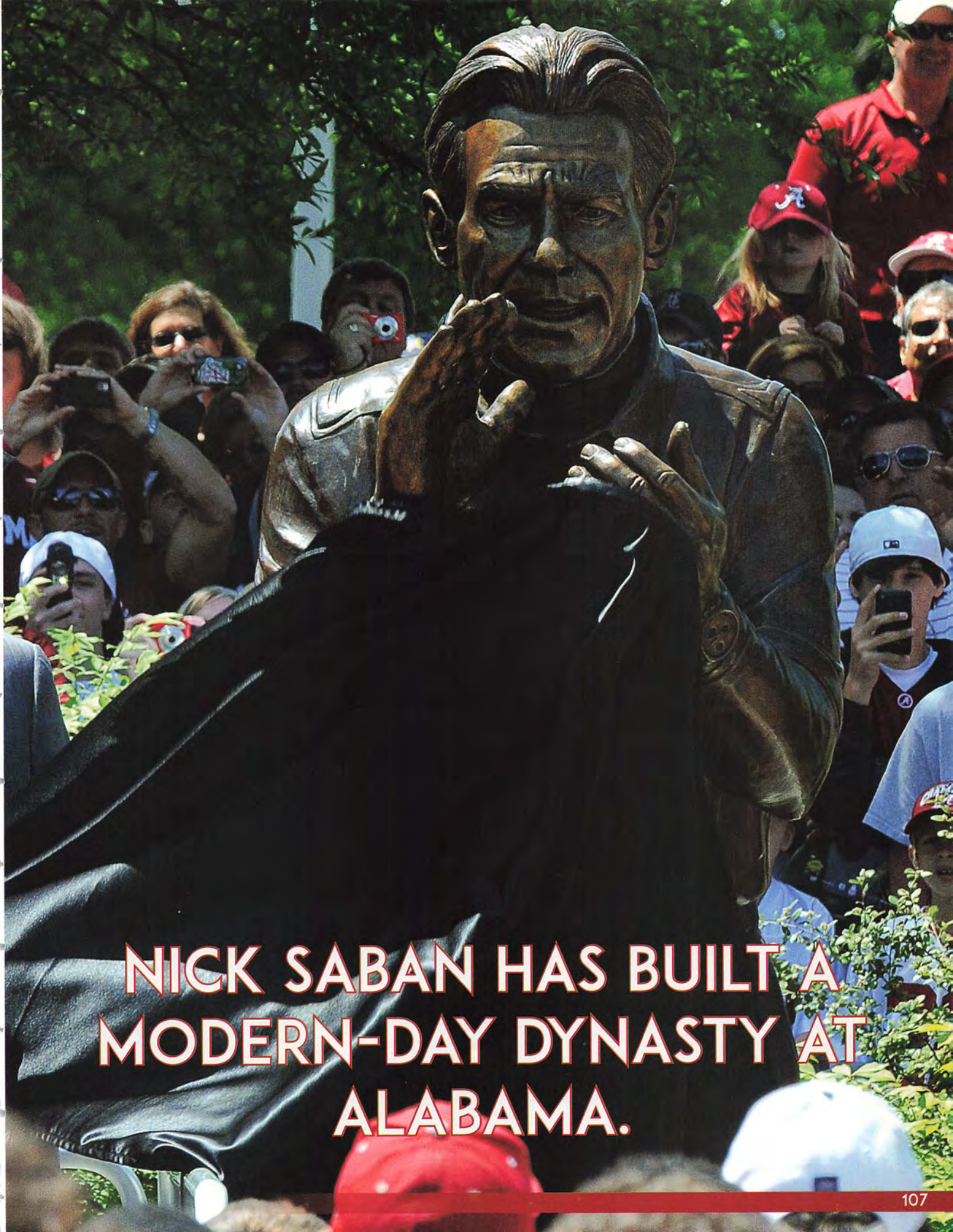
Champs Facts

- Derrick Henry's 1,832 total points in the Heisman voting beat out Christian McCaffrey (1,539) and Deshaun Watson (1,165).
- The only two non-quarterbacks to win the Heisman Trophy since 2000 have been Alabama running backs Mark Ingram and Derrick Henry. (The Heisman Trust does not recognize Reggie Bush's winning season)
- In Alabama's last two games prior to facing Clemson, Derrick Henry carried the ball a total of 90 times against Florida and Michigan State.


"If you have a dream, chase it. If you believe it, you can achieve it."
–Derrick Henry

THE GREATEST COACH EVER?





NICK SABAN HAS BUILT A MODERN-DAY DYNASTY AT ALABAMA.

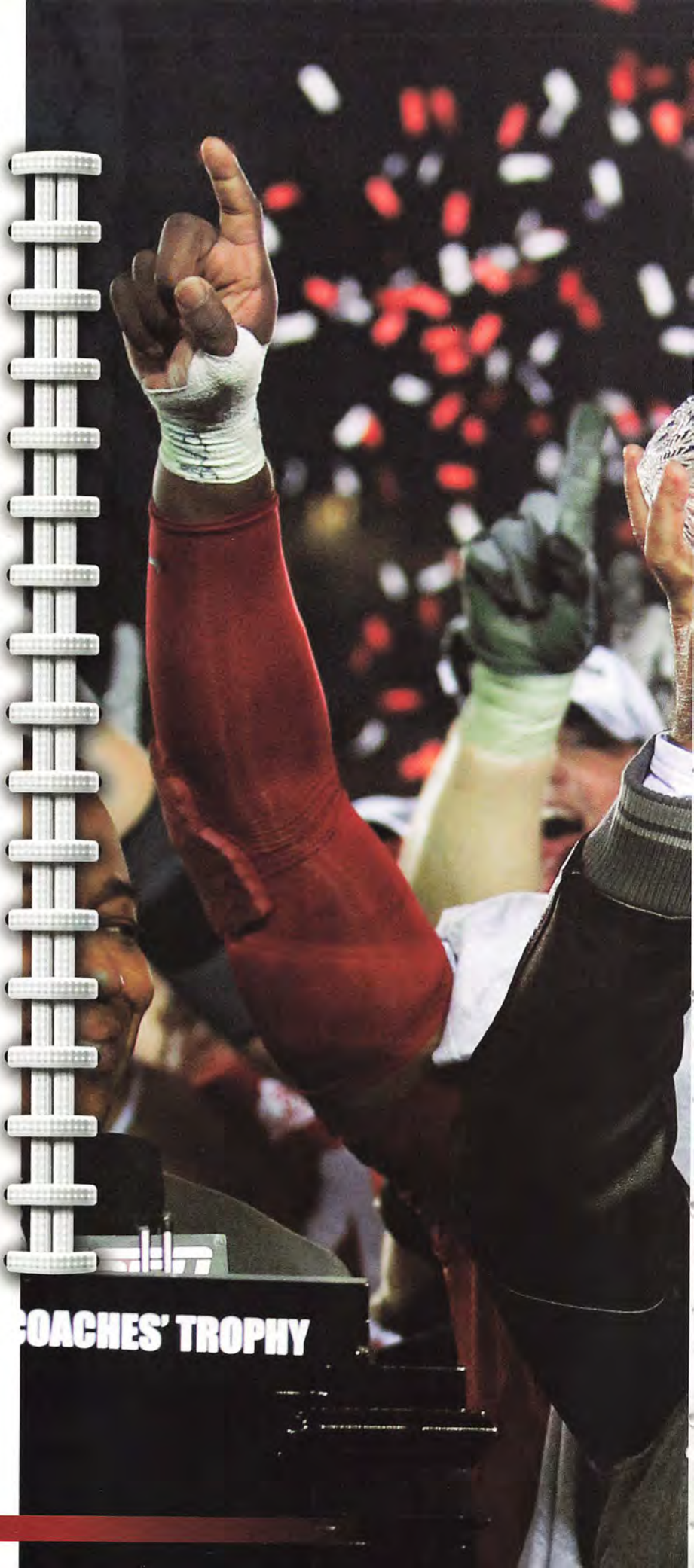
Nick Saban is such a phenomenal and legendary college football coach, he makes winning games, SEC titles and national championships seem easier than what they are. To amass the type of sustained success that Saban has had in his career, and specifically at Alabama, is one of the most impressive achievements we have witnessed in the world of sports. Ever. He has created a dynasty, and in many eyes, eclipsed the accomplishments of the man who casts the largest shadow in college football. Saban is a visionary and uncompromising taskmaster with unrivaled attention to detail. He's also a cutting-edge, mainstream and modern leader who has an absolute midas touch when building a contemporary football program. Saban has created an expectation of excellence, in everything that is connected to Alabama Football. The results speak for themselves. Alabama Football is a national brand, synonymous with first class results and top-to-bottom success. Nick Saban is on a Mount Rushmore of the greatest coaches in any sport, ever. It takes a special person to continue to be at the top of his game, five years after a statue was erected in your honor! Simply put, Alabama fans have been spoiled like none other, having the two greatest coaches in college football history coach their team. Nick Saban has created a winning-machine in Alabama, and it shows no signs of slowing down.

CHAMPS | STATS

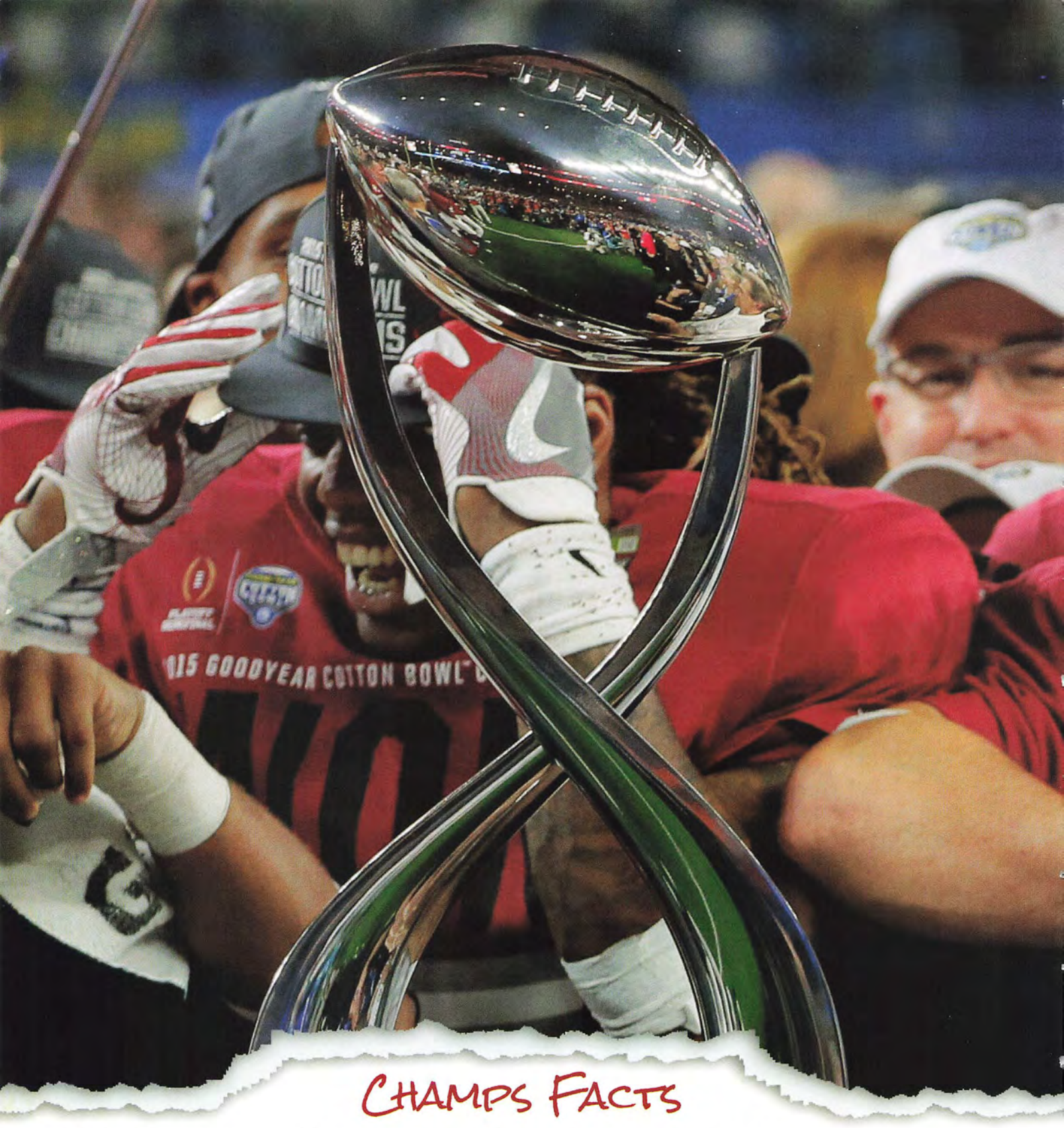
NICK SABAN'S COACHING RECORD

ALABAMA:
105-18

OVERALL:
196-60-1

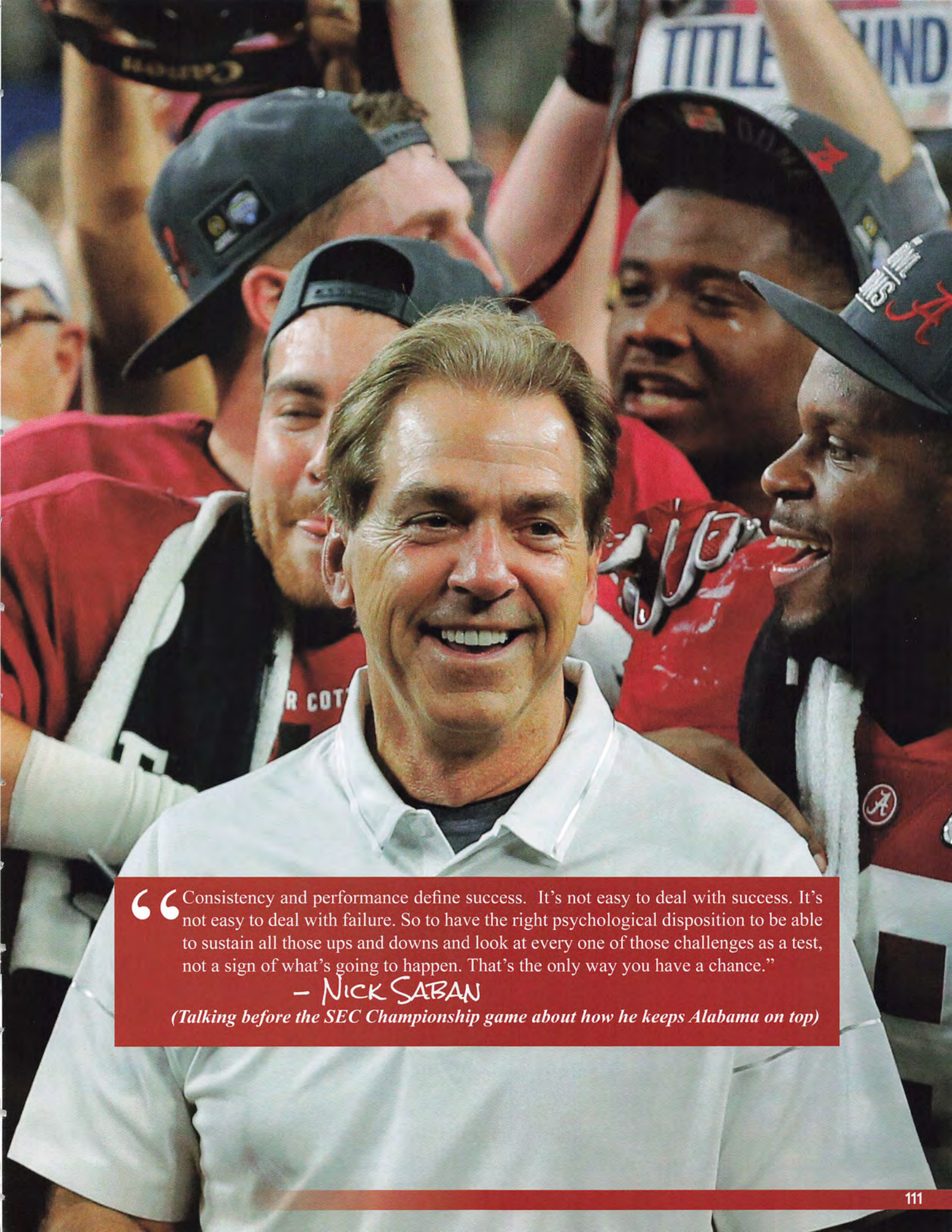



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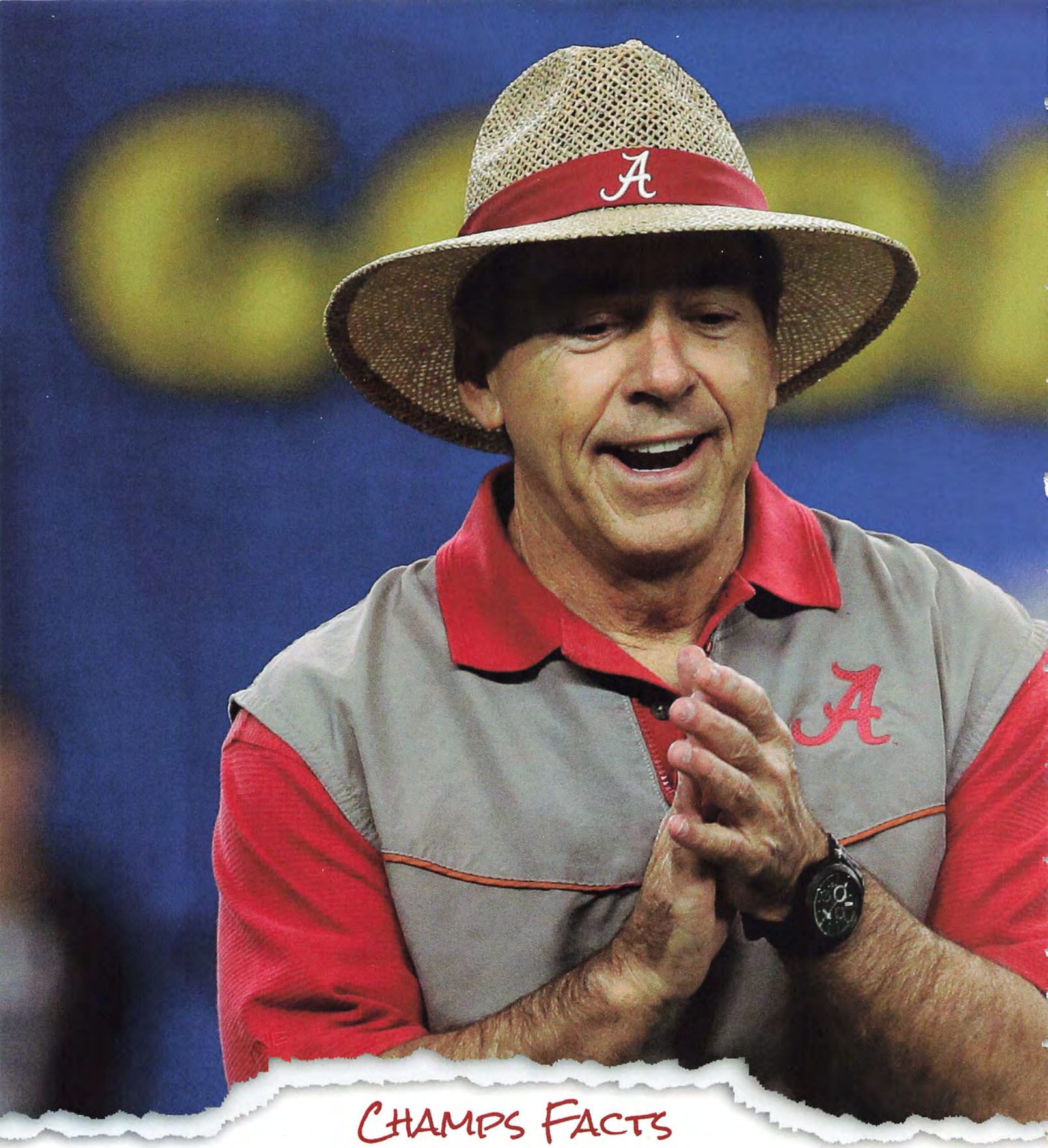
- Nick Saban and Bear Bryant are the only coaches in college football history to win 5 National Championships.
- Alabama has won at least 10 games every season since 2008 under Nick Saban.
- Nick Saban has now won four national championships and four SEC championships at Alabama.



"Consistency and performance define success. It's not easy to deal with success. It's not easy to deal with failure. So to have the right psychological disposition to be able to sustain all those ups and downs and look at every one of those challenges as a test, not a sign of what's going to happen. That's the only way you have a chance."

– Nick Saban

(Talking before the SEC Championship game about how he keeps Alabama on top)



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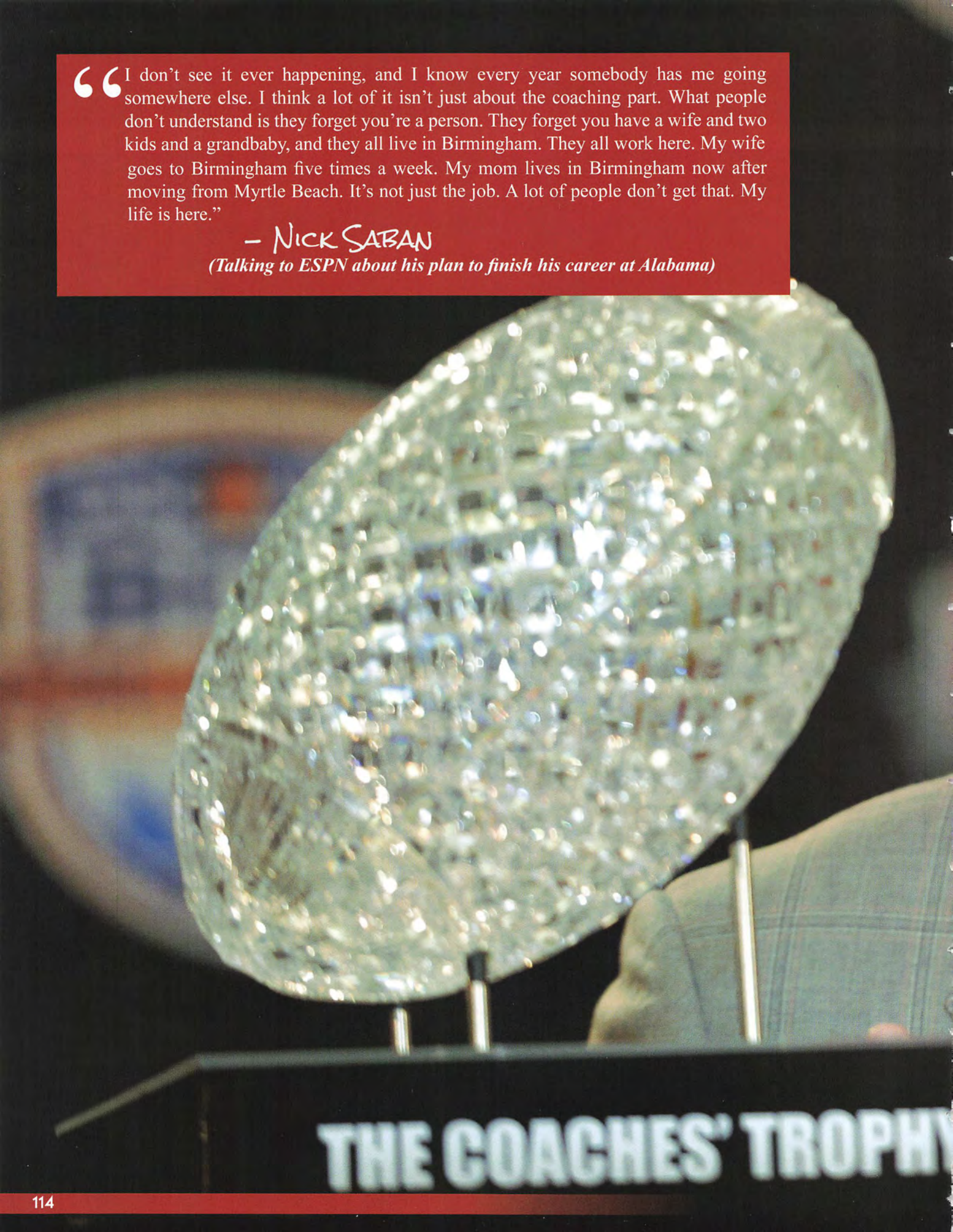
- Since 2008, Alabama has a record of 98-12 under Nick Saban, an average of more than 12 wins per season.
- Under Nick Saban, Alabama is just the second team to reach No. 1 in the AP poll for seven consecutive seasons.



"I want everyone here to know, this is not the end. This is the beginning."

– Nick Saban

(What the coach said in 2010, after Alabama won the first of his four national championships at Alabama)



"I don't see it ever happening, and I know every year somebody has me going somewhere else. I think a lot of it isn't just about the coaching part. What people don't understand is they forget you're a person. They forget you have a wife and two kids and a grandbaby, and they all live in Birmingham. They all work here. My wife goes to Birmingham five times a week. My mom lives in Birmingham now after moving from Myrtle Beach. It's not just the job. A lot of people don't get that. My life is here."

– Nick Saban

(Talking to ESPN about his plan to finish his career at Alabama)




COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS
SEMI FINAL GAME
DECEMBER 31, 2015
MICHIGAN STATE
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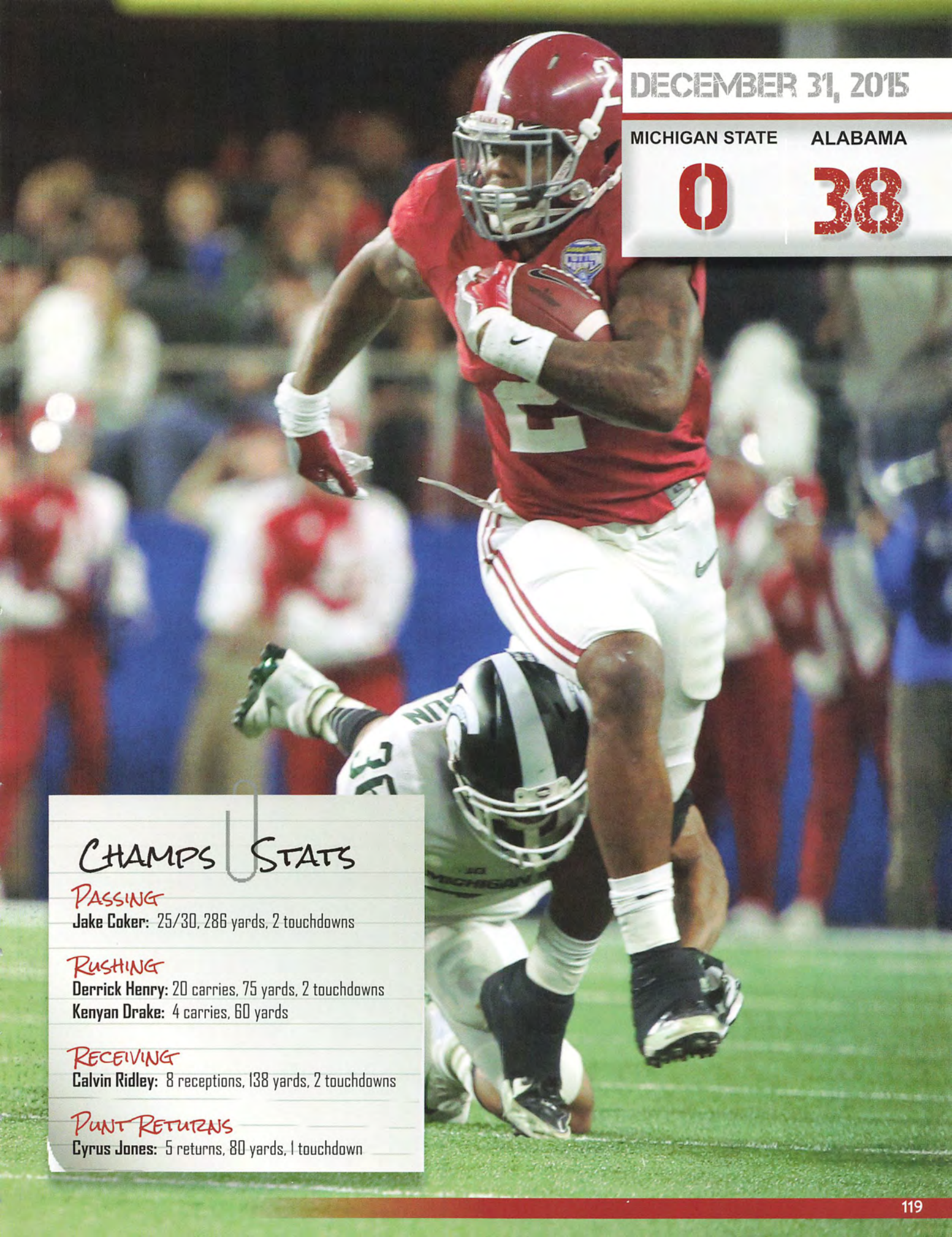


MICHIGAN STATE VS ALABAMA
COTTON BOWL
AT&T STADIUM
ARLINGTON, TEXAS

Alabama vs Michigan State

This game had to scare the living daylights out of Clemson. Simply put, Alabama looked unbeatable. It already wasn't fair that Alabama had the best running back in college football, but in this game against Michigan State, the Tide showed the world that they can crush their opponent by throwing the football too. What a masterful game plan that offensive coordinator Lane Kiffin devised, and what a phenomenal job the Alabama offense did executing it. The Crimson Tide annihilated Michigan State 38-0 in the Cotton Bowl, in a game that looked like the varsity against the JV. Jake Coker played the best game of his career, connecting on 25 of 30 passes for 286 yards. And what can you say about the defense? How about this; once again they were absolutely a force, shutting out the Big Ten Champions and playing with a considerable chip on their shoulder. Clearly it was the intent of the Spartans to focus on Heisman winner Derrick Henry, and the Tide made them pay. It was the most dominant and impressive performance any team has had this entire college football season, and it got Nick Saban and his team just one win from history. Up next, a trip to Glendale, Arizona, to face Clemson for the National Championship. If the Crimson Tide put on a performance like they did on this night in Texas, they would be the kings of college football. Again.





DECEMBER 31, 2015

MICHIGAN STATE	ALABAMA
0	38

Champs Stats

Passing
Jake Coker: 25/30, 286 yards, 2 touchdowns

Rushing
Derrick Henry: 20 carries, 75 yards, 2 touchdowns
Kenyan Drake: 4 carries, 60 yards

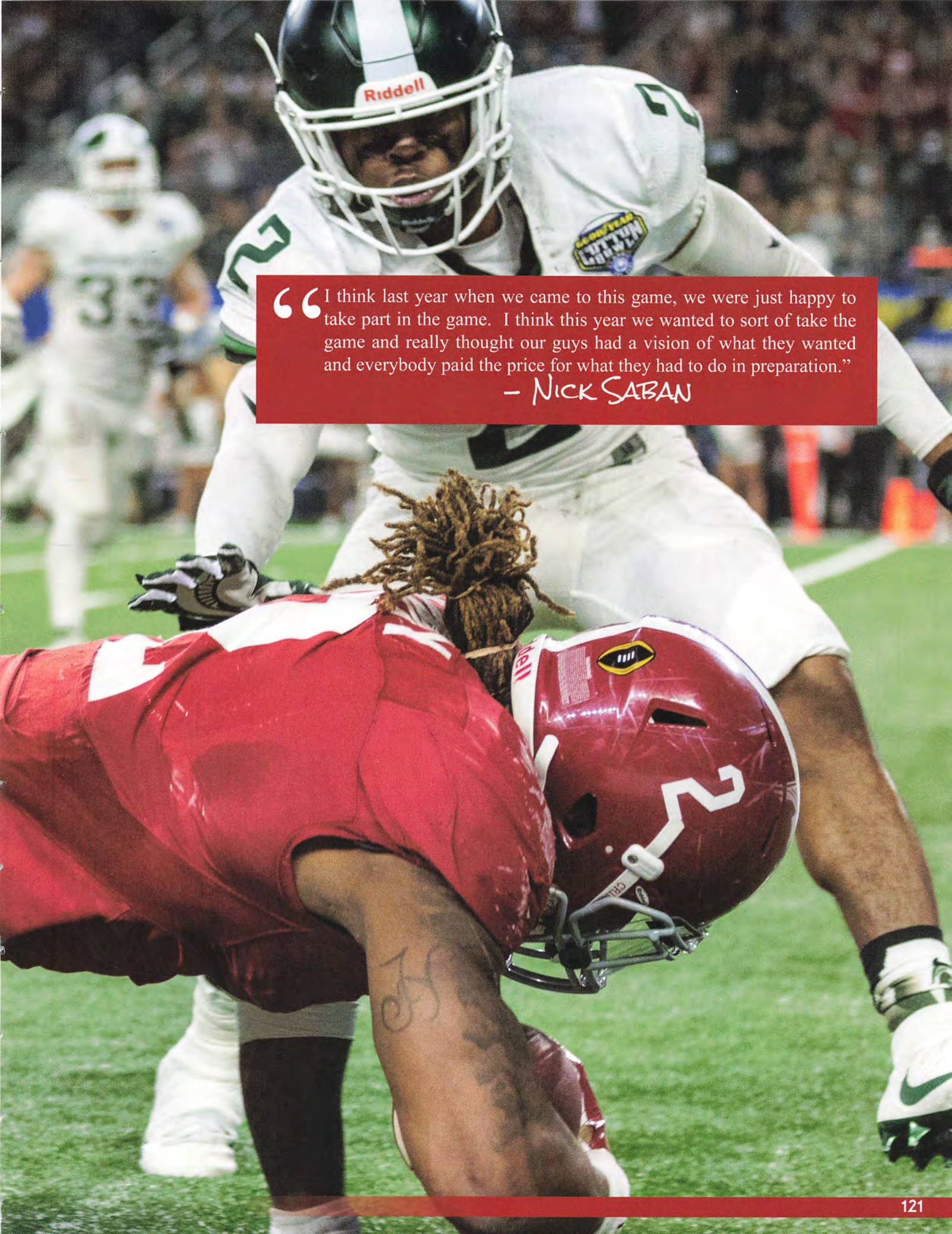
Receiving
Calvin Ridley: 8 receptions, 138 yards, 2 touchdowns

Punt Returns
Cyrus Jones: 5 returns, 80 yards, 1 touchdown



Champs Facts

- Nick Saban improved to 9-0 when playing against one of his former assistant coaches.
- Calvin Ridley broke Amari Cooper's school record for most receiving yards by a freshman.
- This was the second game this season that Alabama won at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas.
- The Alabama defense held Michigan State to season lows in total yards (239), rushing yards (29), and points (0).



"I think last year when we came to this game, we were just happy to take part in the game. I think this year we wanted to sort of take the game and really thought our guys had a vision of what they wanted and everybody paid the price for what they had to do in preparation."

– Nick Saban



Champs Facts

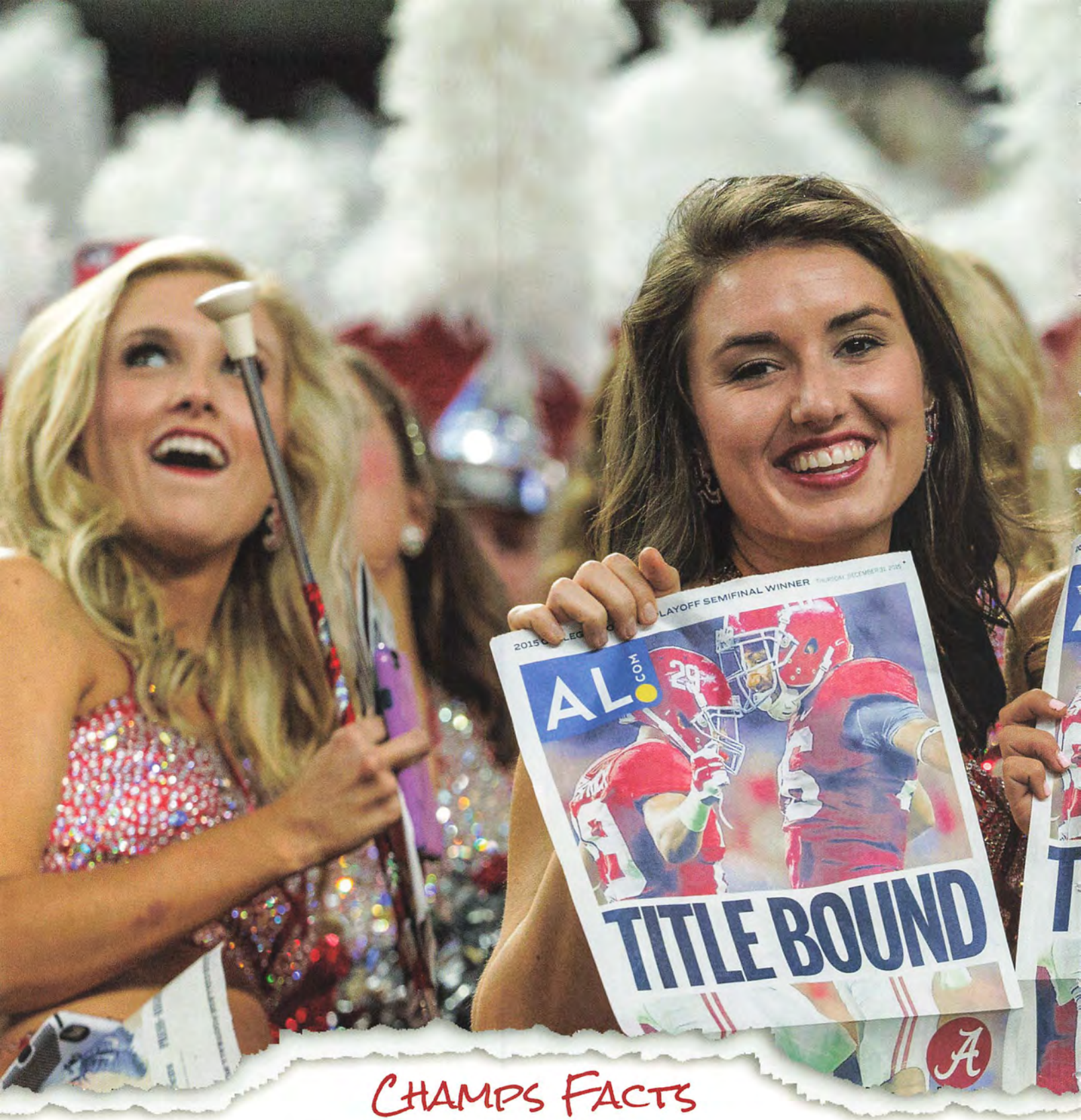
- The 38-0 win for Alabama was the largest shutout in Cotton Bowl history, and the third largest margin of victory.
- Derrick Henry became the 19th player to rush for over 2,000 yards in a season.
- Alabama is 2-0 all time against Michigan State, and has outscored the Spartans 87-7.
- Cyrus Jones set the Alabama record with four punt returns for touchdowns this season.



"A lot of guys feel like they got snubbed on some things in the postseason, and the team didn't like that. . . . It's not about me or A'Shawn. It's about our defense. It shows how hard we worked. Plus we knew what happened last year in the final four, against Ohio State."

– Reggie Ragland

(Talking about the fact that several Bama players felt slighted on postseason awards)



Champs Facts

- Jake Coker finished with a career-high 286 passing yards.
- The Alabama defense sacked Connor Cook four times and allowed the Spartans into the red zone just one time the entire game.
- Alabama won more games at AT&T Stadium than the Dallas Cowboys this season.
- Alabama has scored nine non-offensive touchdowns this season.



"You know, I wondered how long it would take. A lot of people think the way to beat us is to throw it, sling it around. I thought they would be more stubborn and patient because they have been all year. But they aborted it pretty quick."

– Kirby Smart

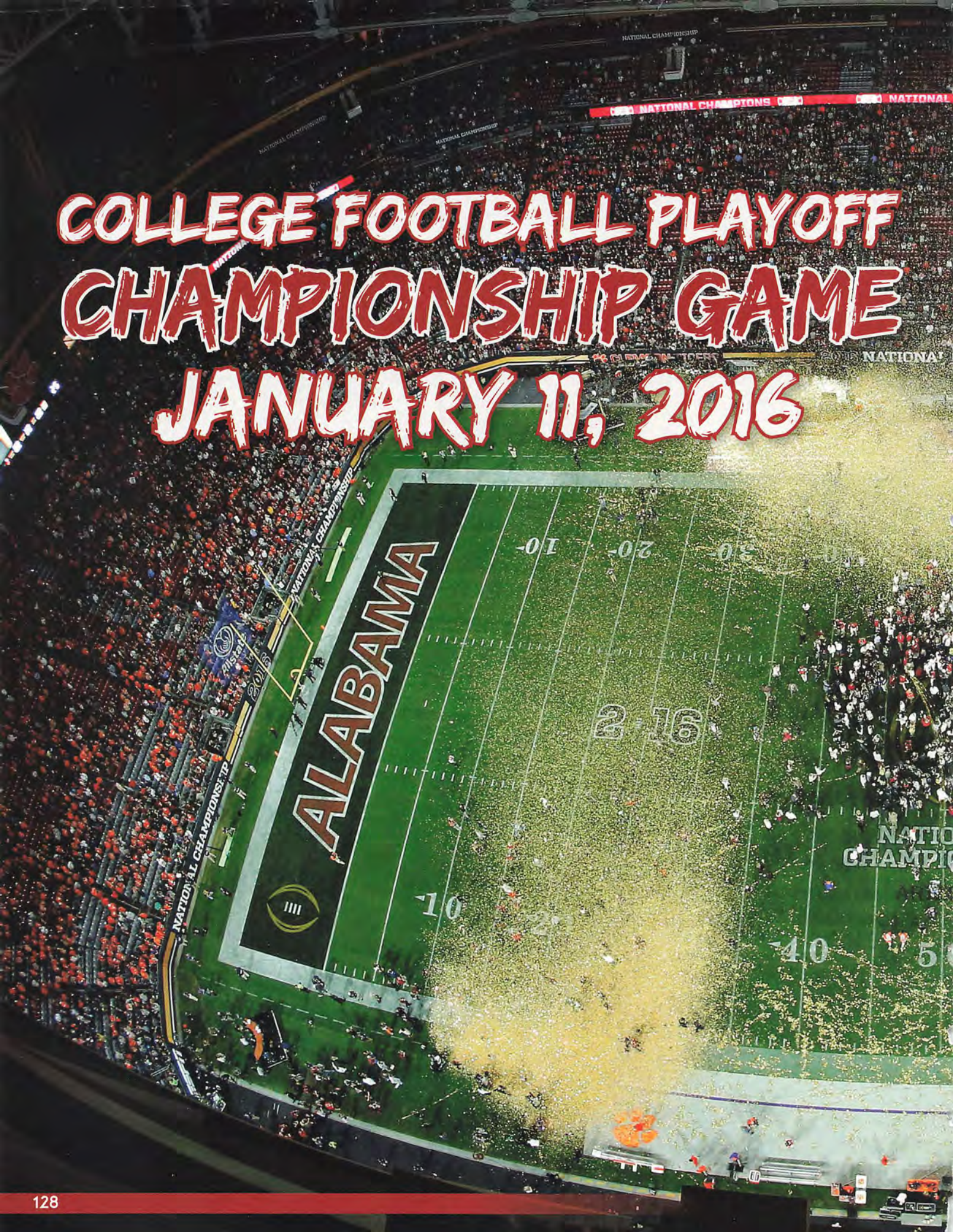


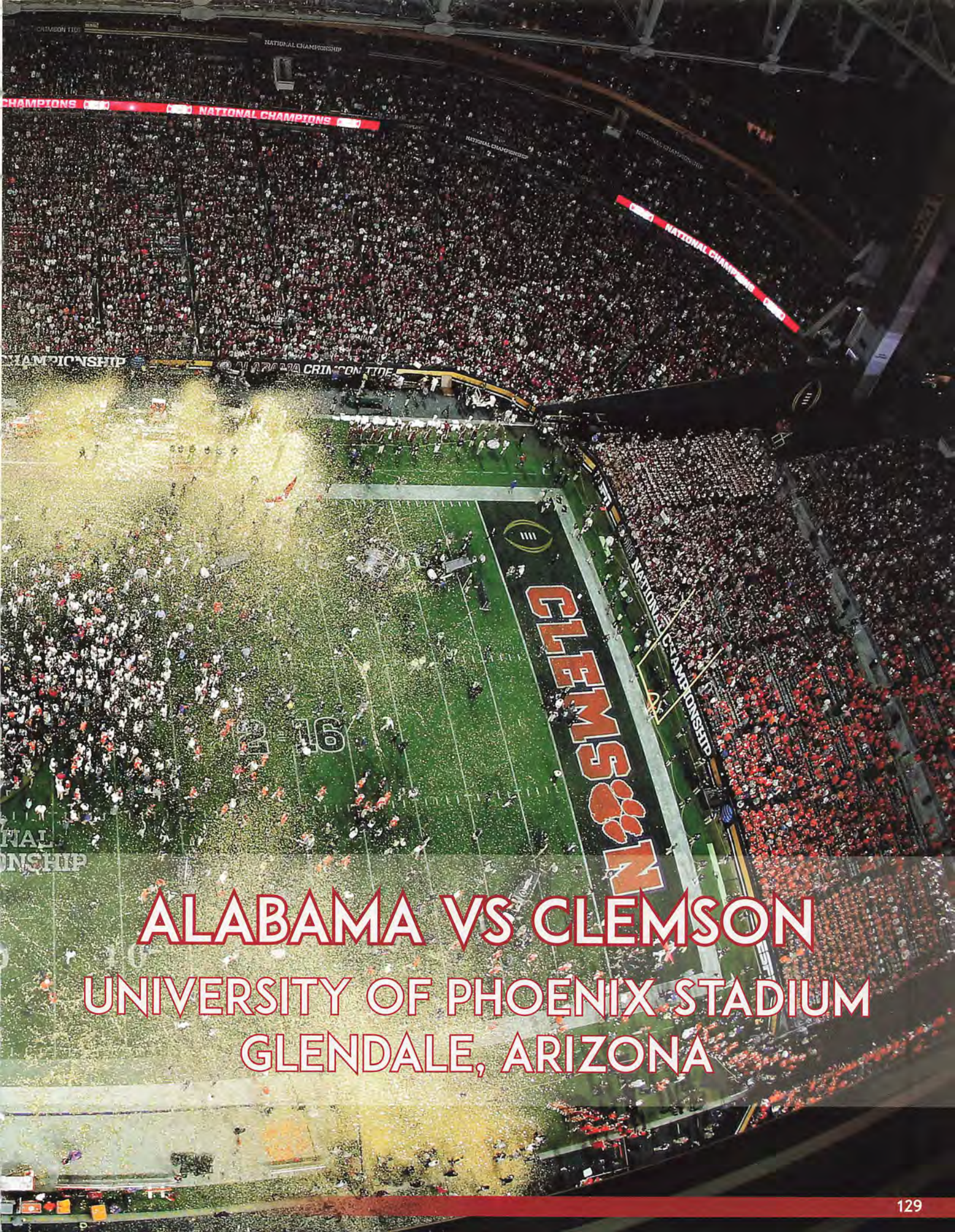
"I think Coach [Lane] Kiffin called some plays and adapted throughout the game and ended up calling plays that were open. And we made plays. I think coach Kiffin did a great job and I'm just happy he's on our side."

– Jake Coker

(Talking about the offensive game plan)


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COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF
CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
JANUARY 11, 2016
NATIONAL CHAMPIONS
ALABAMA
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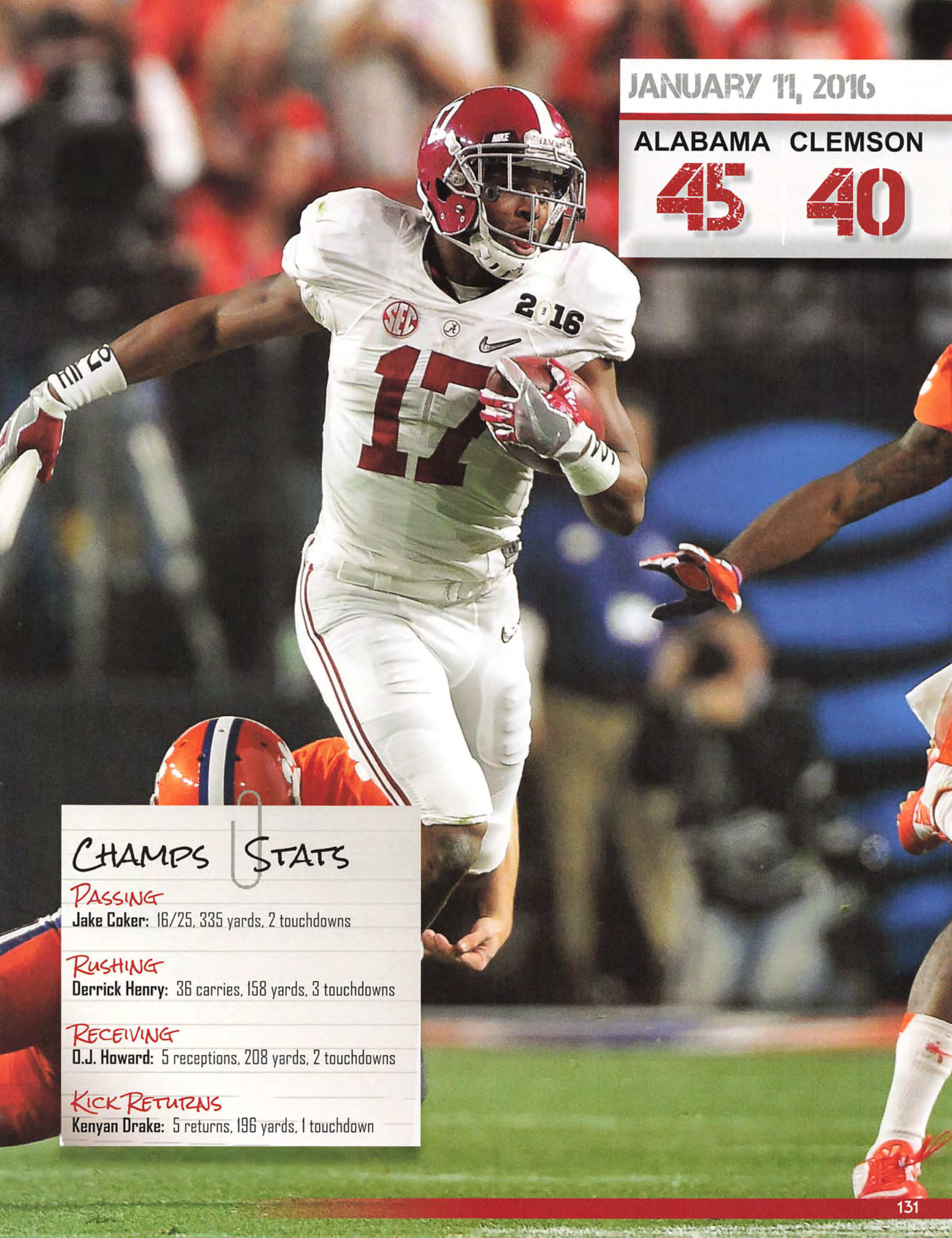
ALABAMA VS CLEMSON

UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX STADIUM
GLENDALE, ARIZONA

Alabama vs Clemson

This was an epic battle between two teams that were clearly the finest in college football. Alabama and Clemson put on a show in the College Football Playoff Championship Game, and in the end, nothing could stop the Crimson Tide from winning their fourth title in the last seven seasons. This was far from easy, and the Tide needed every second before they could finally douse Nick Saban with Gatorade. This win displayed all the attributes that their coach finds so admirable about his latest collection of champions. The goal for the Crimson Tide in 2015 was to finish, it was the mantra the coaching staff preached all season long, and what a prophetic message it turned out to be. Derrick Henry had a brilliant first half, Jake Coker came up with one big play after another in the second half, and the special teams essentially saved the day by recovering an onside kick, and returning a kickoff for a touchdown. The defense gave up 550 yards, but the offense never turned the ball over, and it added up to a 45-40 win in one of the most exciting championship games of all time. Alabama was back on top, in their rightful spot, as the best team in college football. Again.





JANUARY 11, 2016

ALABAMA	CLEMSON
45	40

CHAMPS STATS

PASSING
Jake Coker: 16/25, 335 yards, 2 touchdowns

RUSHING
Derrick Henry: 36 carries, 158 yards, 3 touchdowns

RECEIVING
O.J. Howard: 5 receptions, 208 yards, 2 touchdowns

KICK RETURNS
Kenyan Drake: 5 returns, 196 yards, 1 touchdown



Champs Facts

- This is Alabama's fourth national championship in the past seven seasons.
- Nick Saban won his fifth national championship. The only coach to win more is Bear Bryant, who won six.
- Derrick Henry becomes just the fifth running back in Heisman history to win the national championship in the same season.
- This is the eighth national title for the SEC since 2006, but the first for the conference since the 2012 season.

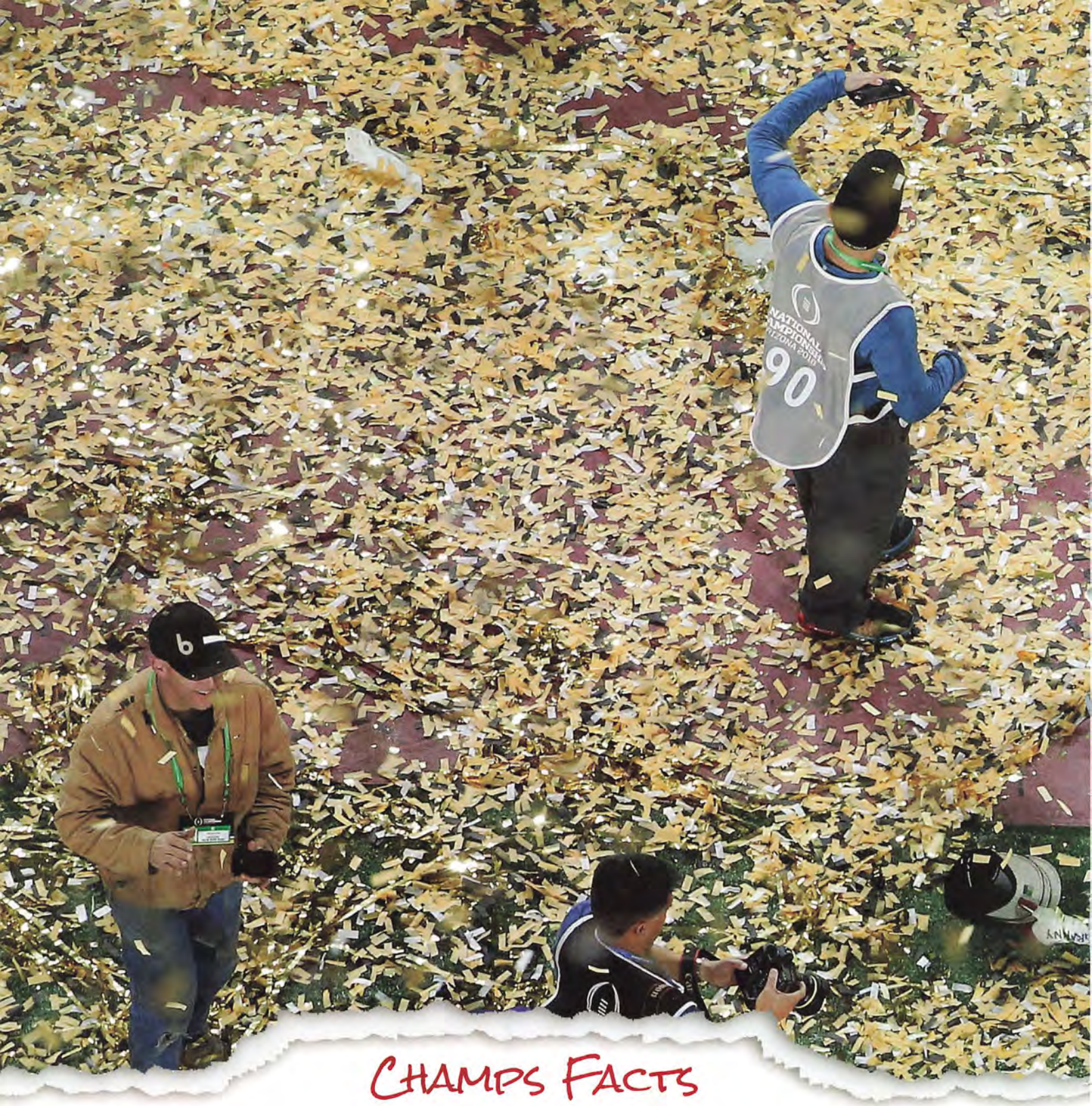

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Champs Facts

- The turning point in the game may have occurred when Nick Saban called for an onside kick that the Tide recovered with 10:34 left in the game.
- Kenyan Drake electrified the crowd with a 95-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, the second TD in the playoff by the special teams.
- The Tide did not turn the ball over one time against Michigan State and Clemson.
- The 85 combined points in this game is an all-time high in a national championship game, surpassing the 79 scored by Texas and USC in the 2006 Rose Bowl.


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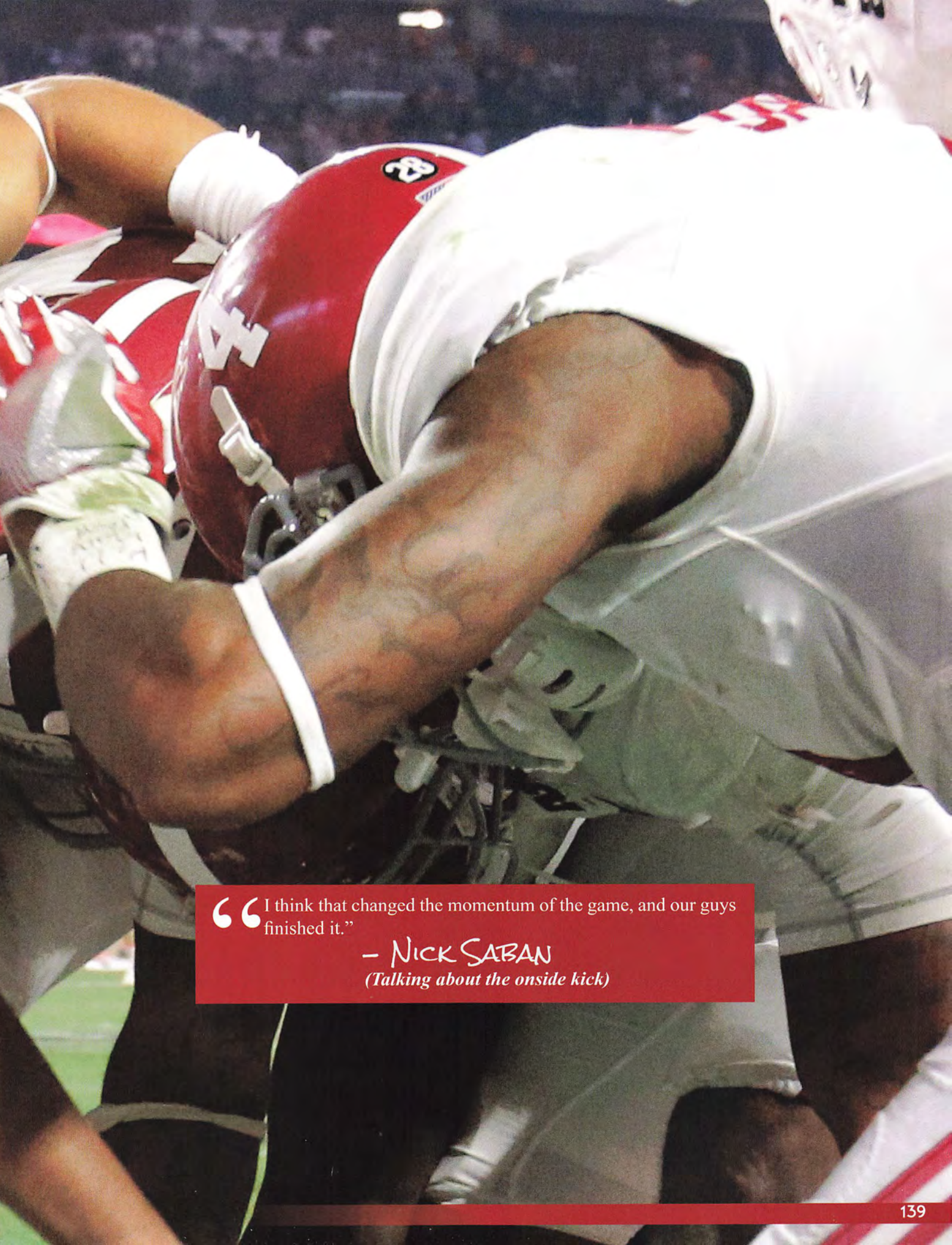
Champs Facts

- Derrick Henry carried the ball 36 times, giving him 395 carries for the season which eclipsed Herschel Walker's SEC record.
- Alabama scored four touchdowns in this game of at least 50 yards.
- O.J. Howard was named the Offensive Player of the Game, while Eddie Jackson was named the Defensive Player of the Game.
- The only other team to win four titles in seven seasons was Notre Dame from 1943-49.



Champs Facts

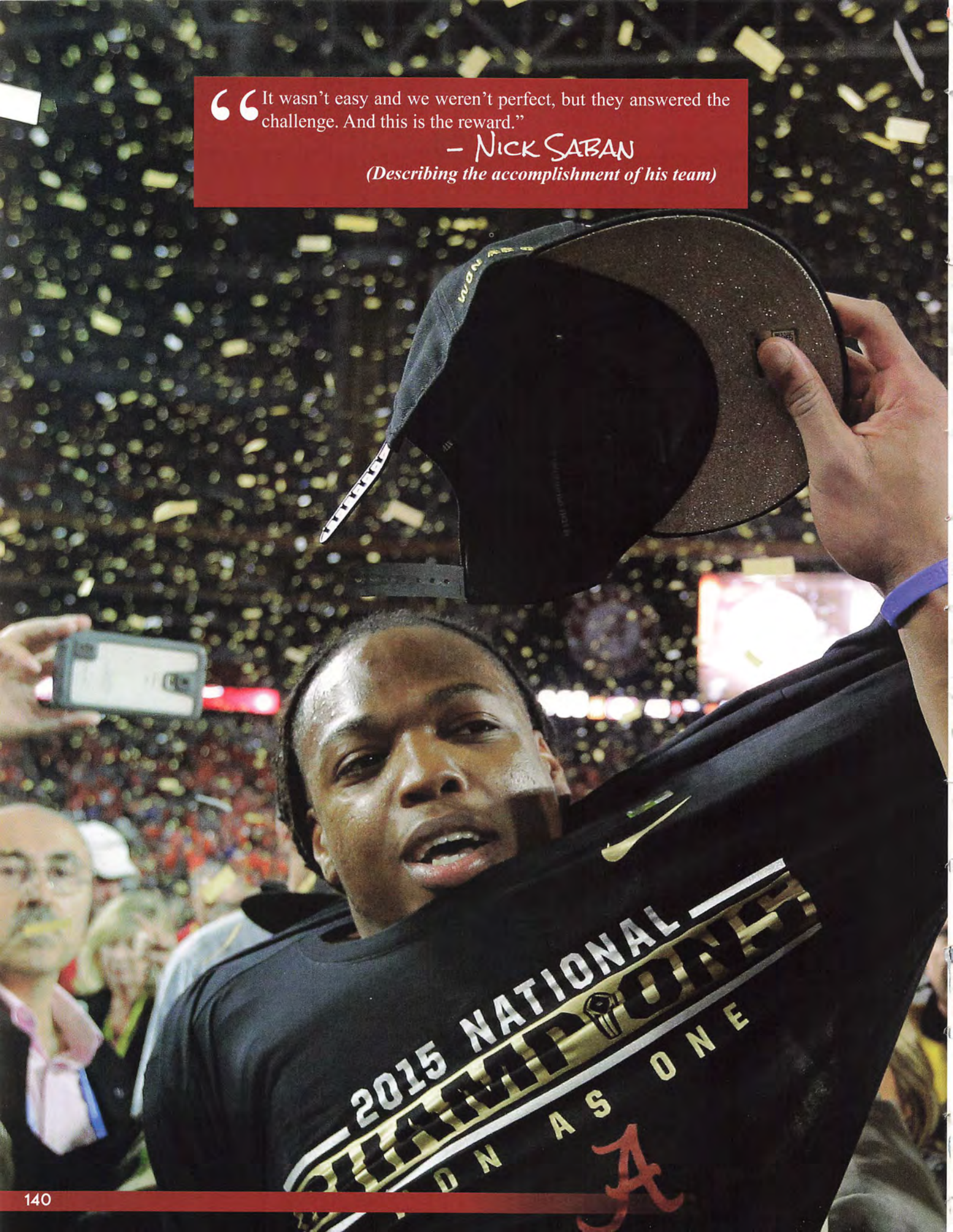
- O.J. Howard is the first player to ever have over 200 yards receiving in a national championship game.
- The kick return for a touchdown by Kenyan Drake is just the 3rd kick return touchdown ever in a national championship game.
- The 405 passing yards for Deshaun Watson is the most in national championship game history. Matt Leinart had the old record with 365.
- In a sign of the dynasty Nick Saban has built, since the 2008 season, Alabama has played in only three regular season games that did not have national championship implications.



"I think that changed the momentum of the game, and our guys finished it."

– Nick Saban

(Talking about the onside kick)

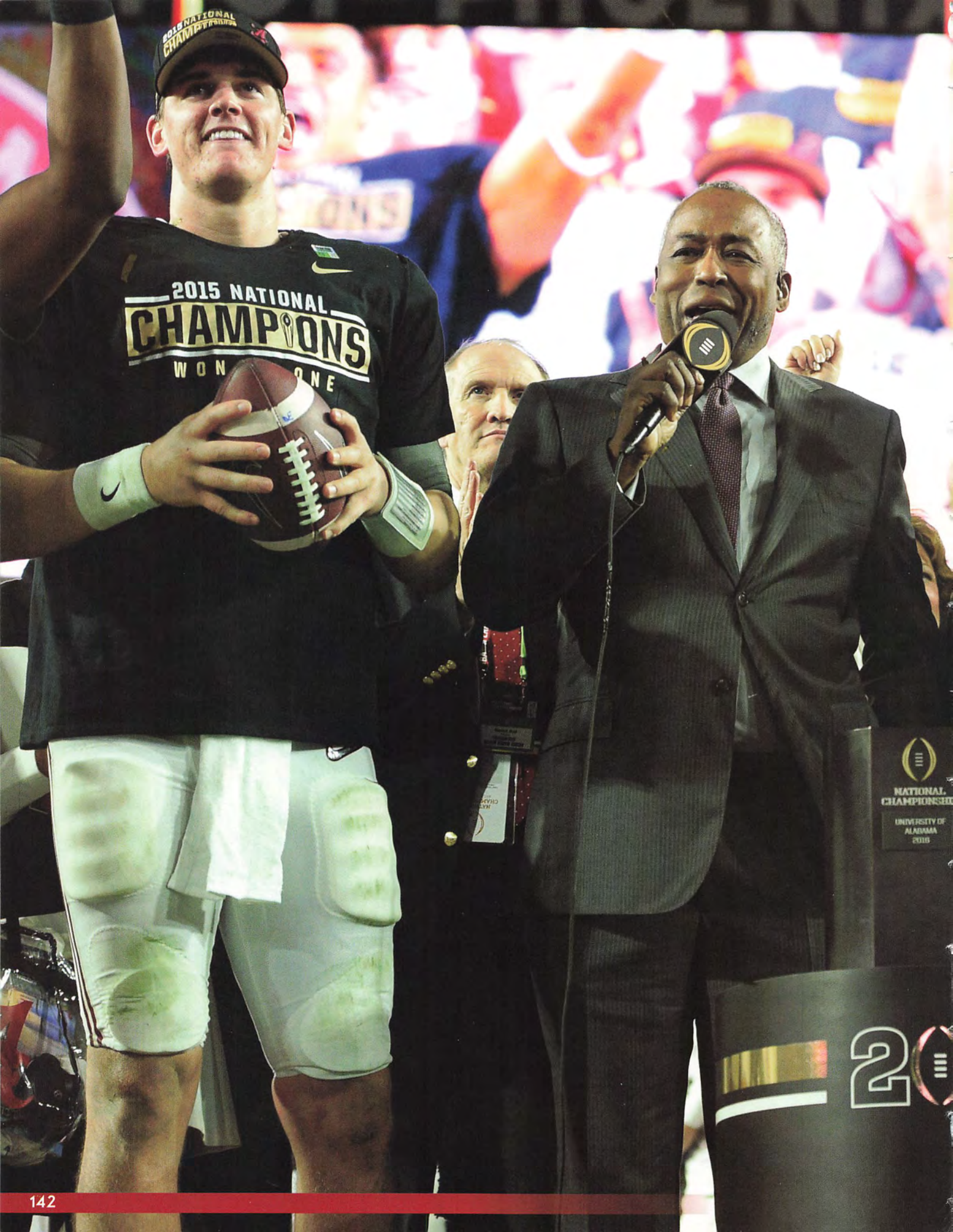


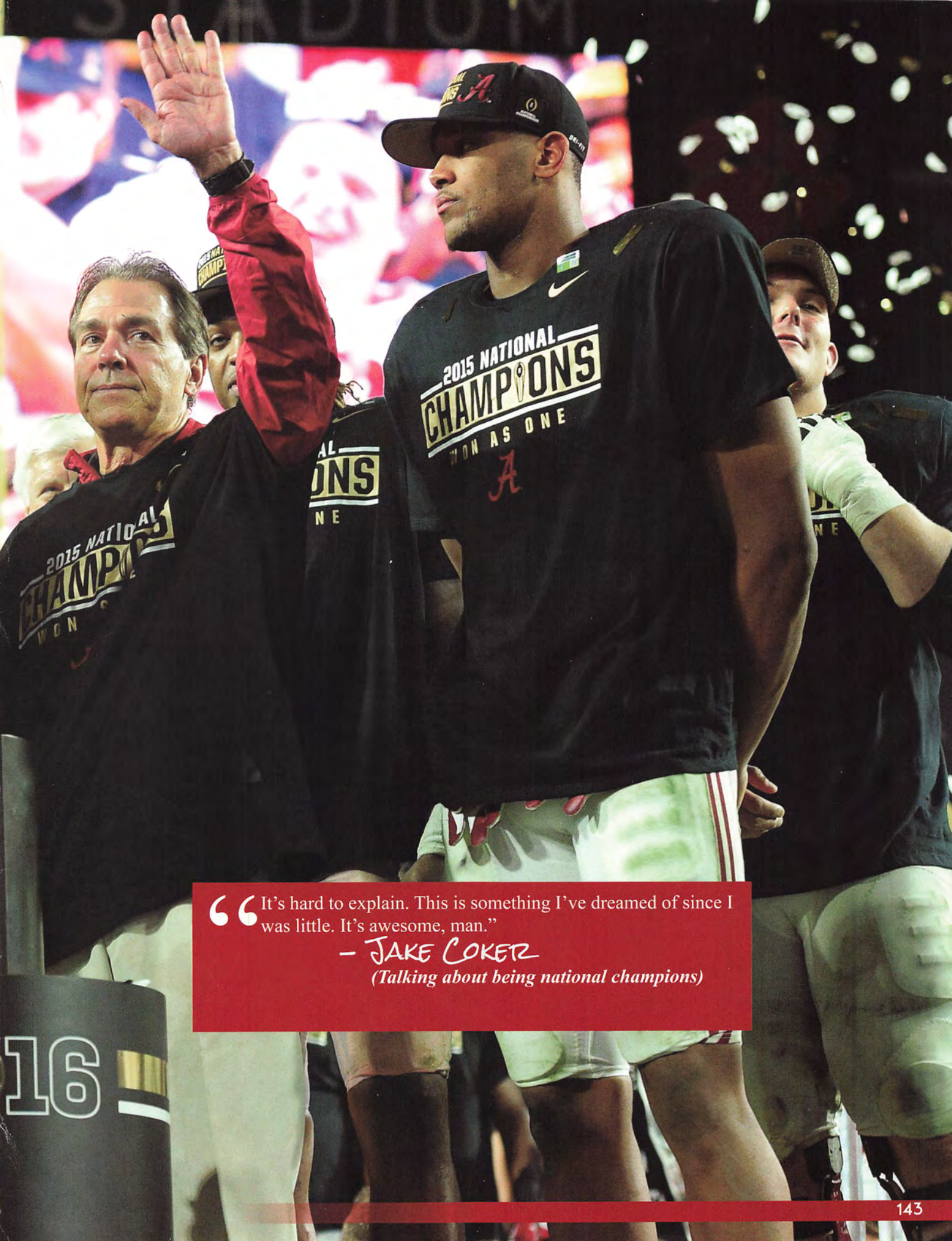
"It wasn't easy and we weren't perfect, but they answered the challenge. And this is the reward."

– Nick Saban

(Describing the accomplishment of his team)




2015 NATIONAL
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UNIVERSITY OF
ALABAMA
2015



"It's hard to explain. This is something I've dreamed of since I was little. It's awesome, man."

– Jake Coker

(Talking about being national champions)


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